

Efficient light sources at BEUV & water  
window soft x-ray wavelengths

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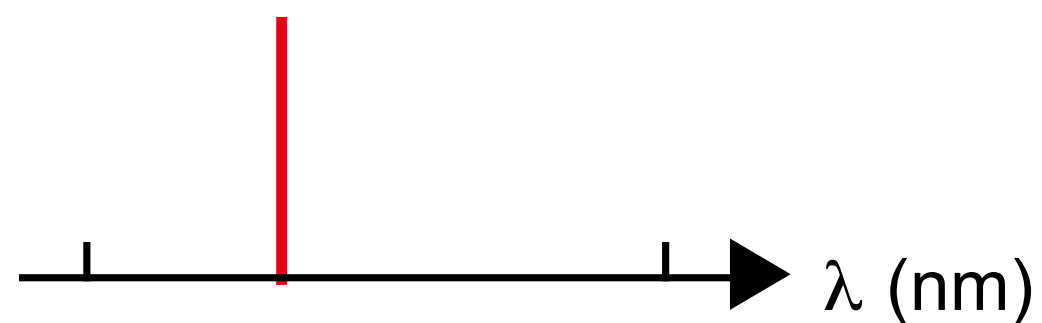
## **Recent progress** in Utsunomiya, Japan

- 13.5-nm microplasma high brightness source
- simulation to evaluate plasma parameter & spectra
- seed beam at 10.6  $\mu\text{m}$  for ps-CO<sub>2</sub> pulse
- **6.x nm & WW incoherent radiation** by various elements
- **x-ray microscope**

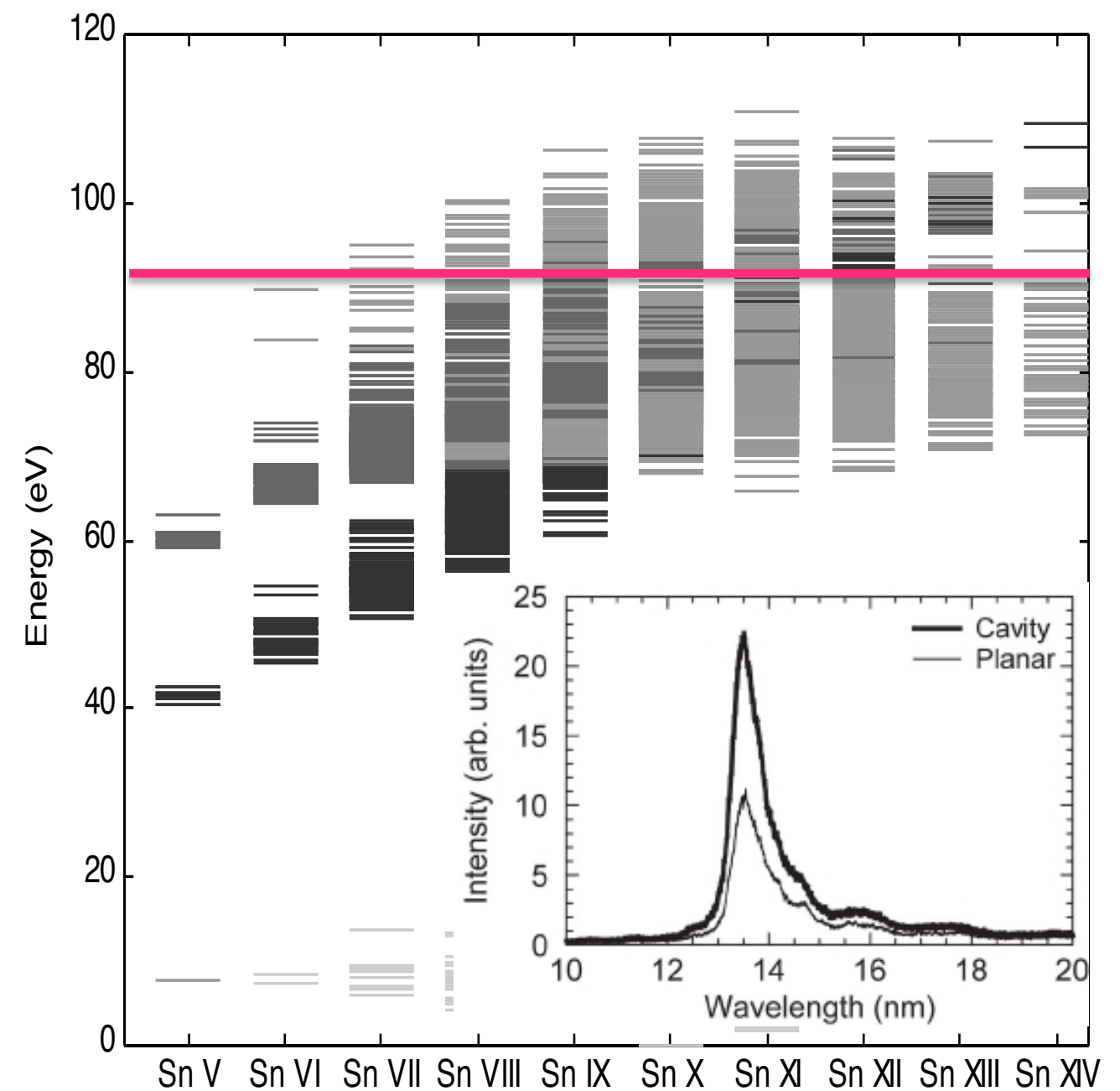
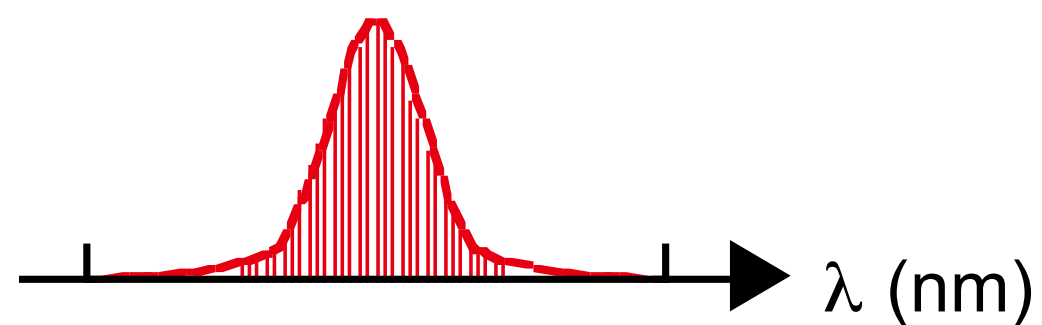


# Scheme for high-energy emission: **unresolved transition array**

(a) Line spectrum

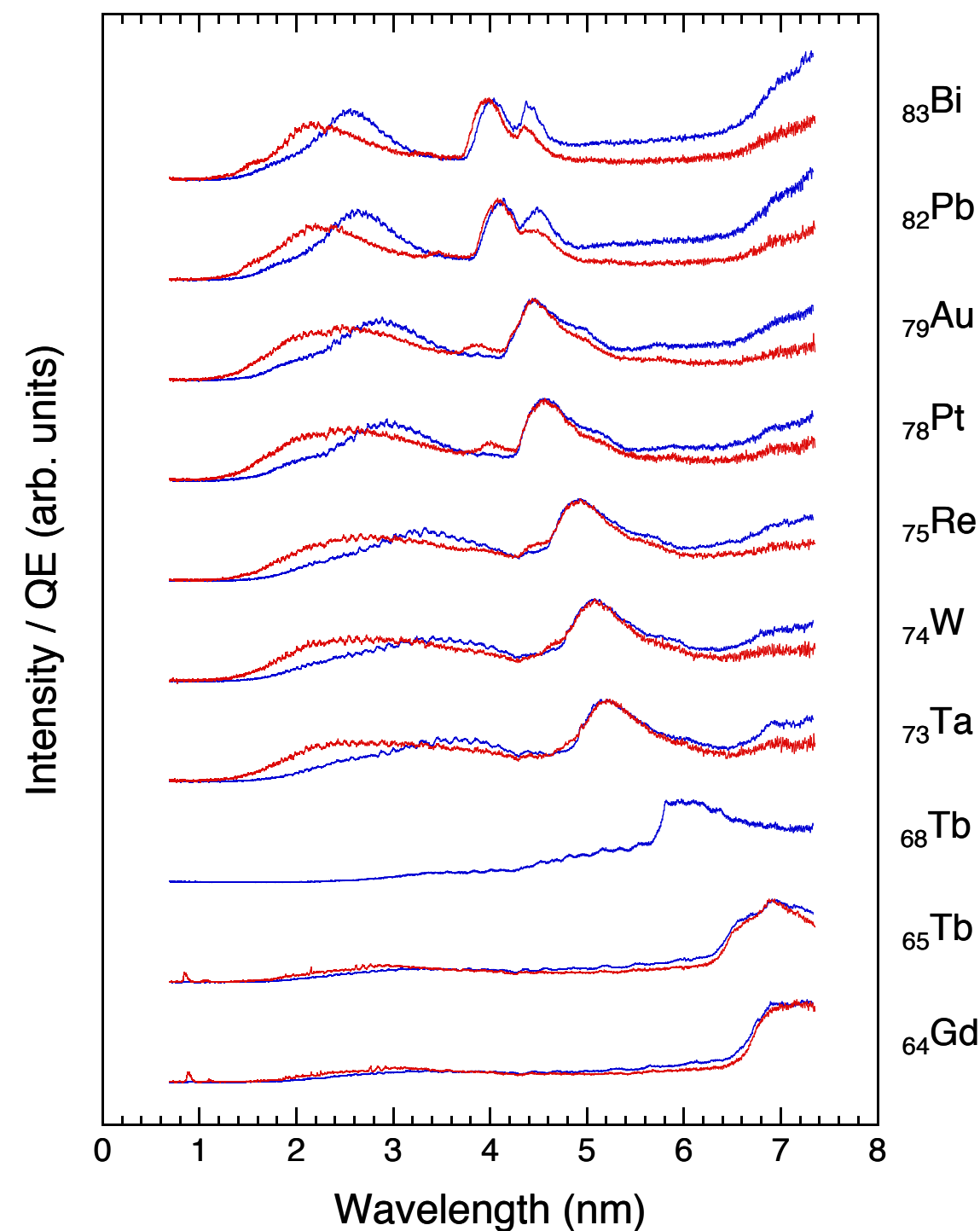
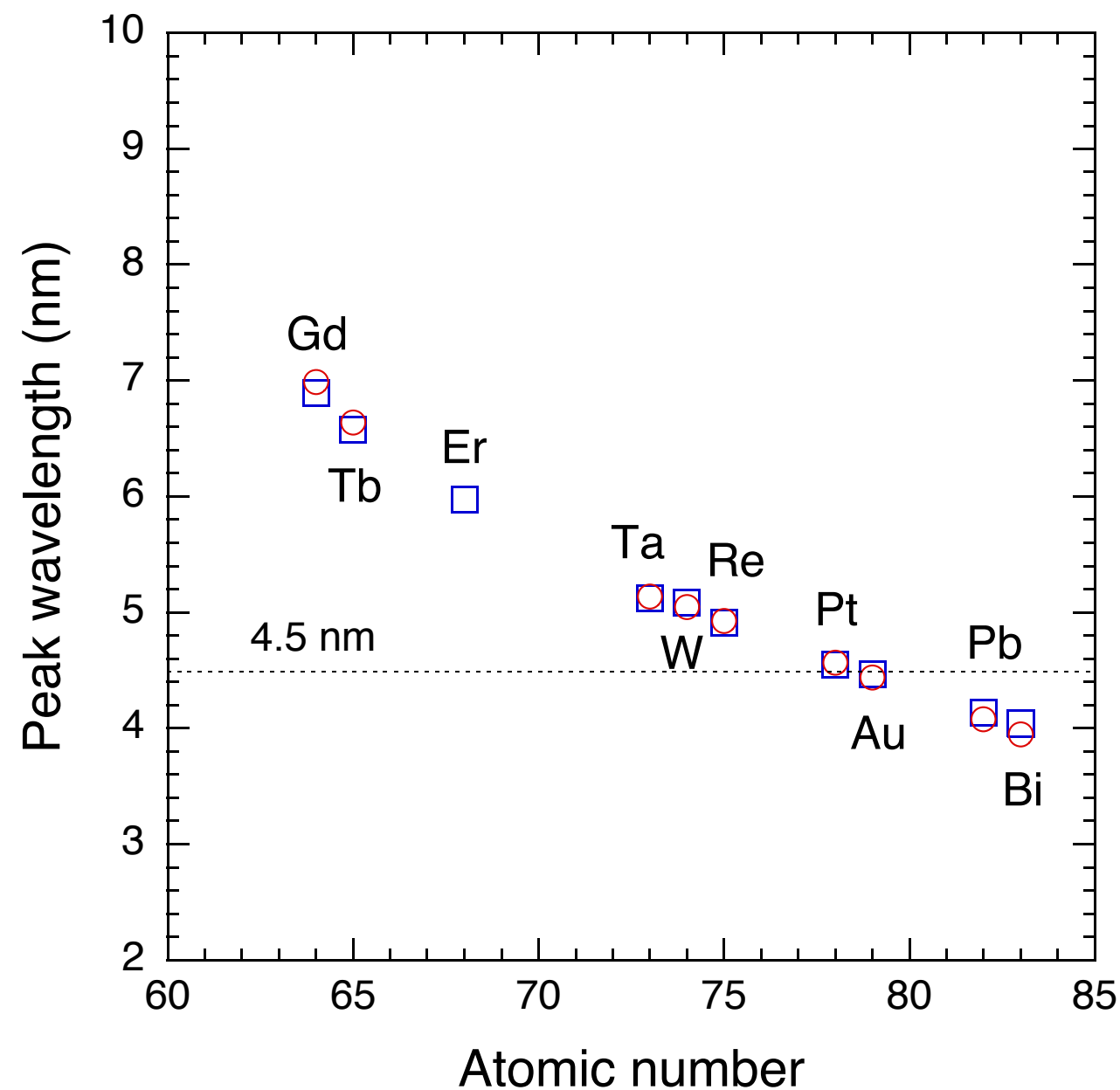


(b) UTA

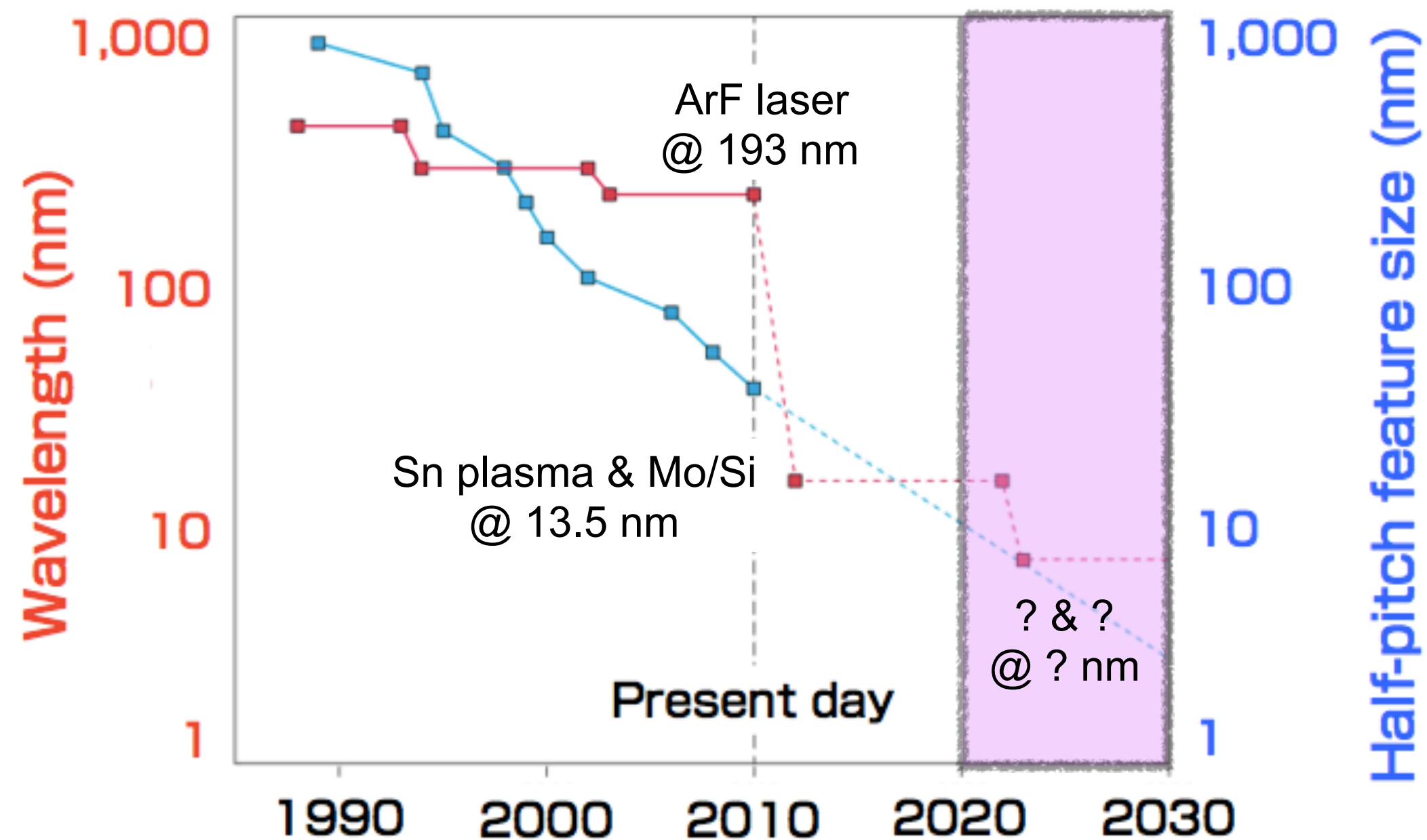
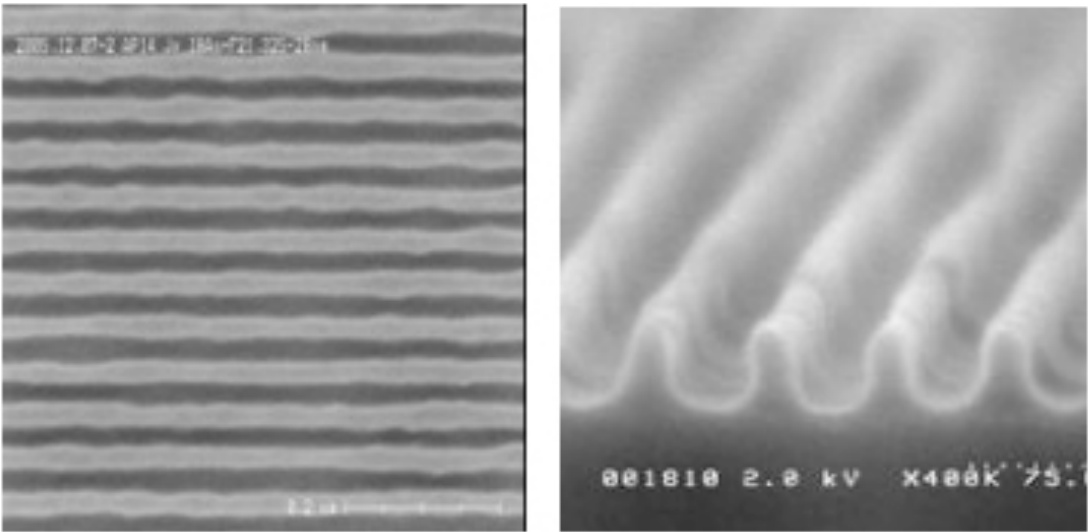


# Peak wavelength of UTA emission

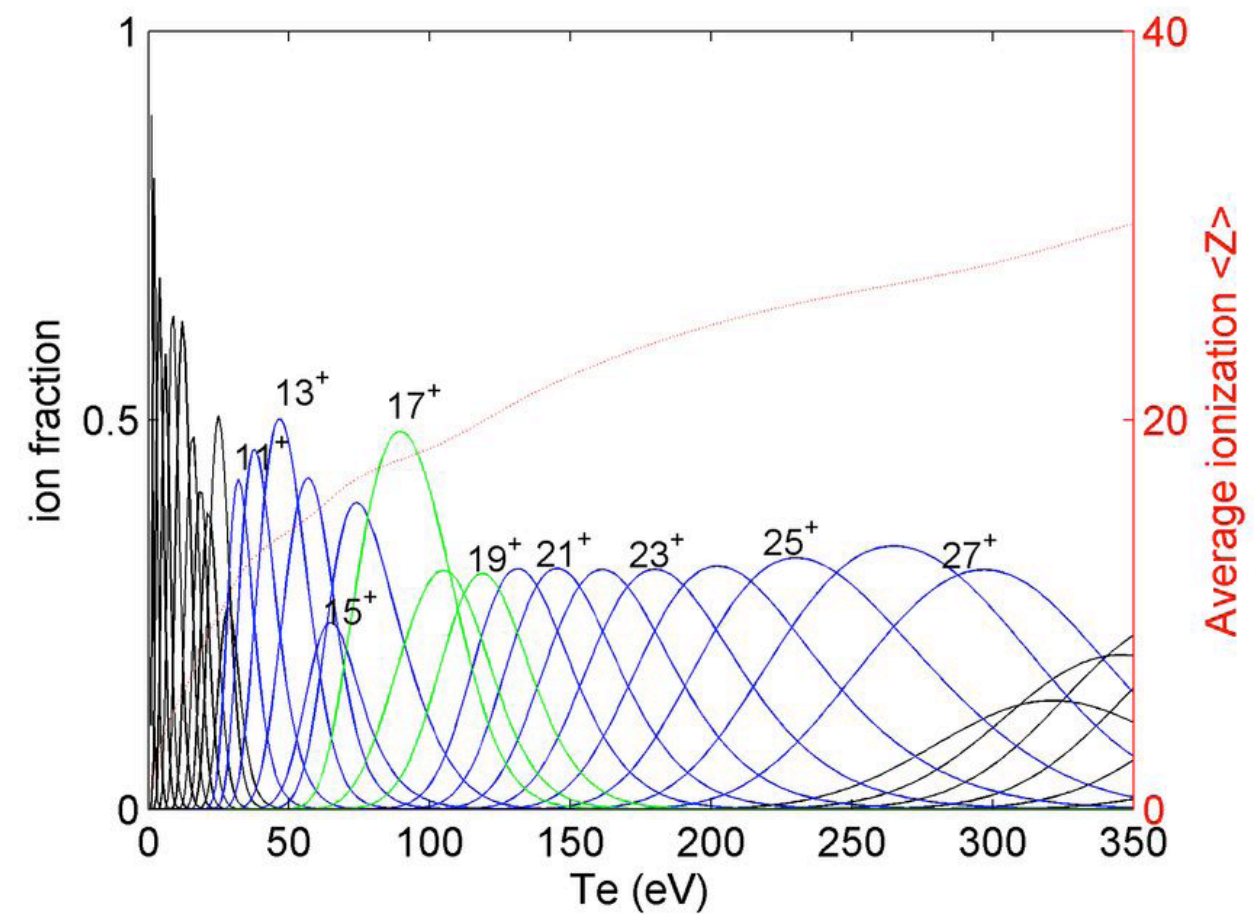
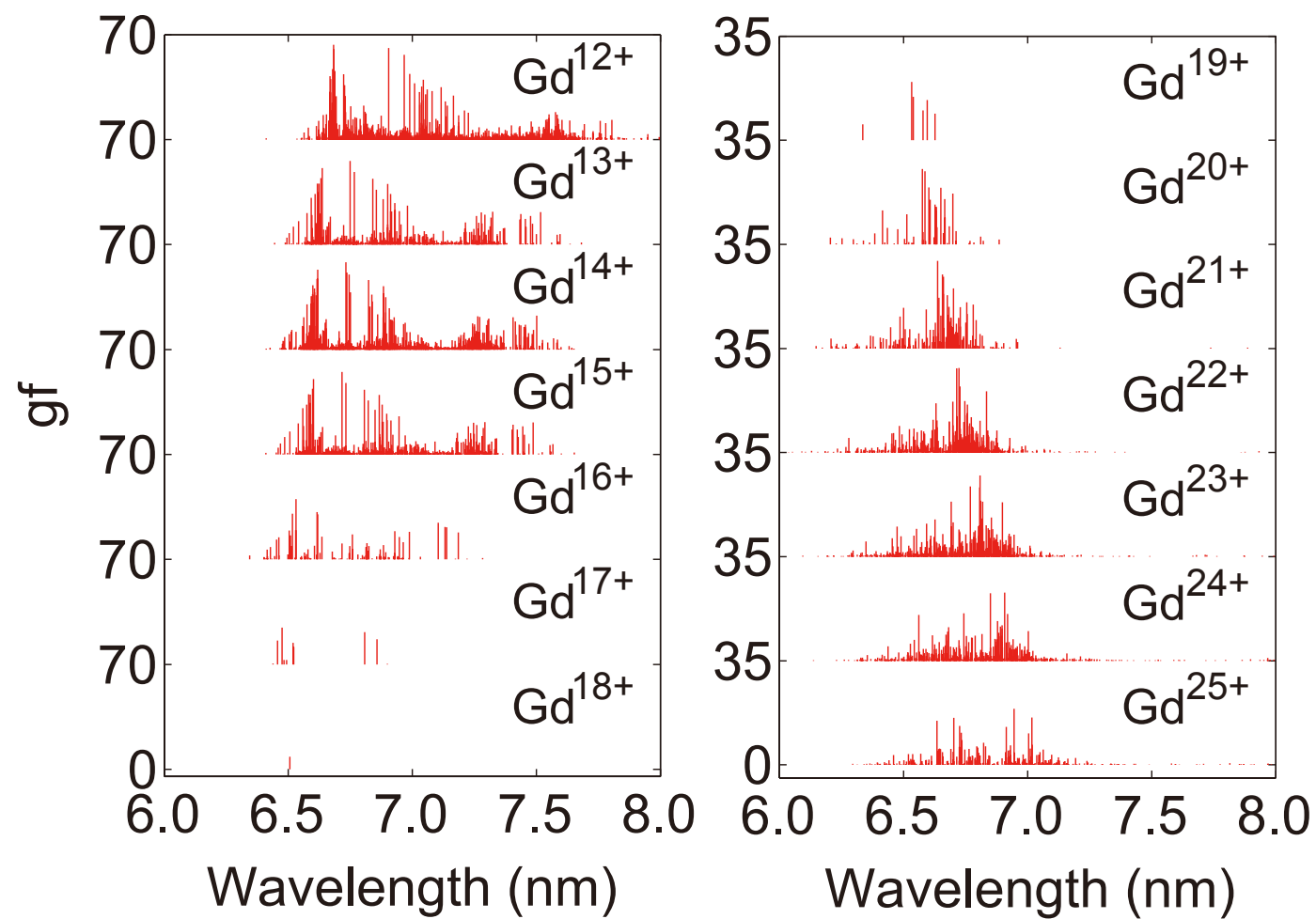
laser wavelength: 1064 nm  
pulse duration: 10 ns (blue)  
150 ps (red)



Beyond EUV at 6.x nm



# Rare-earth: **Gd** for 6.x nm



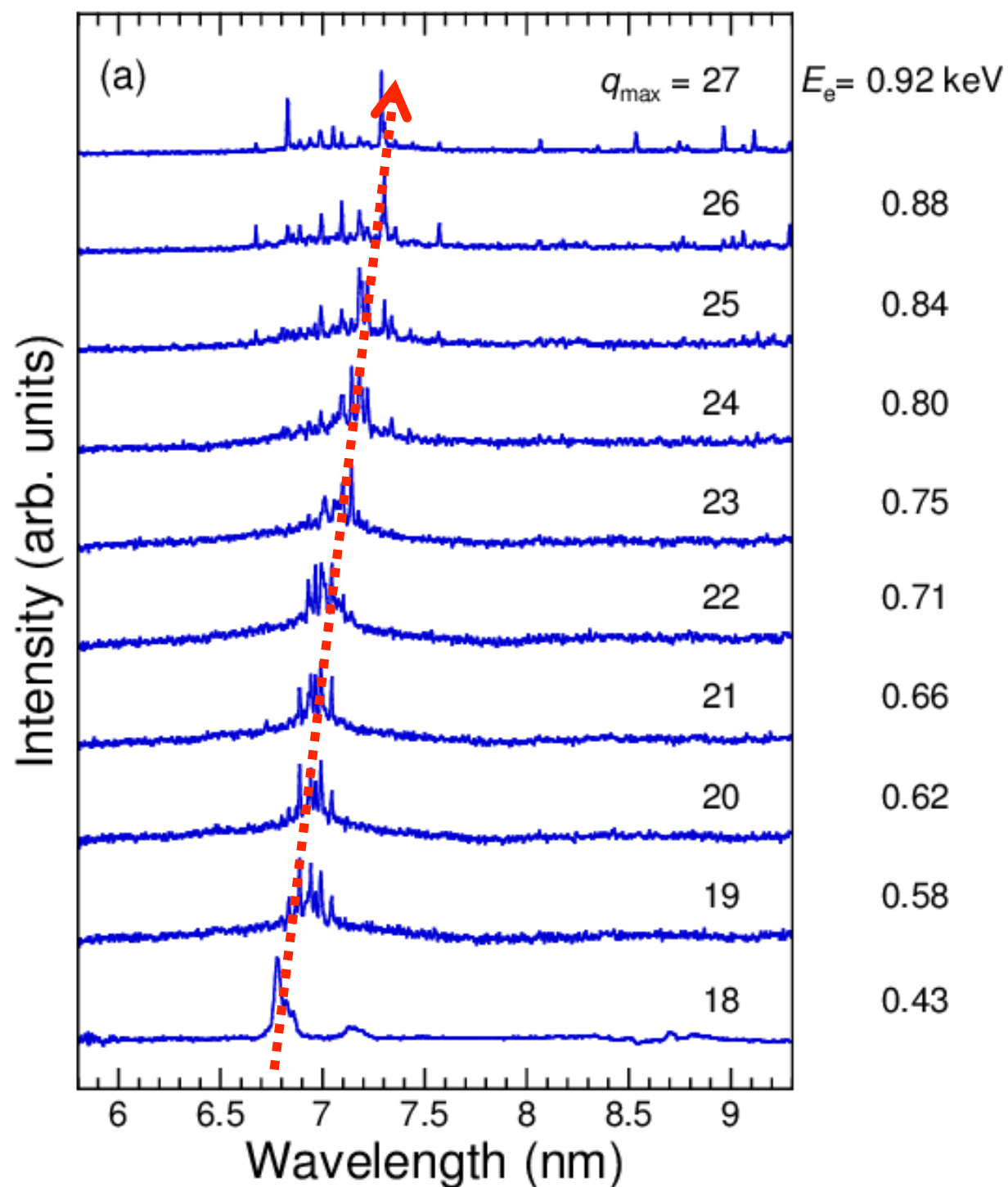
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# Charge separated spectra of Gd ions by E-BIT

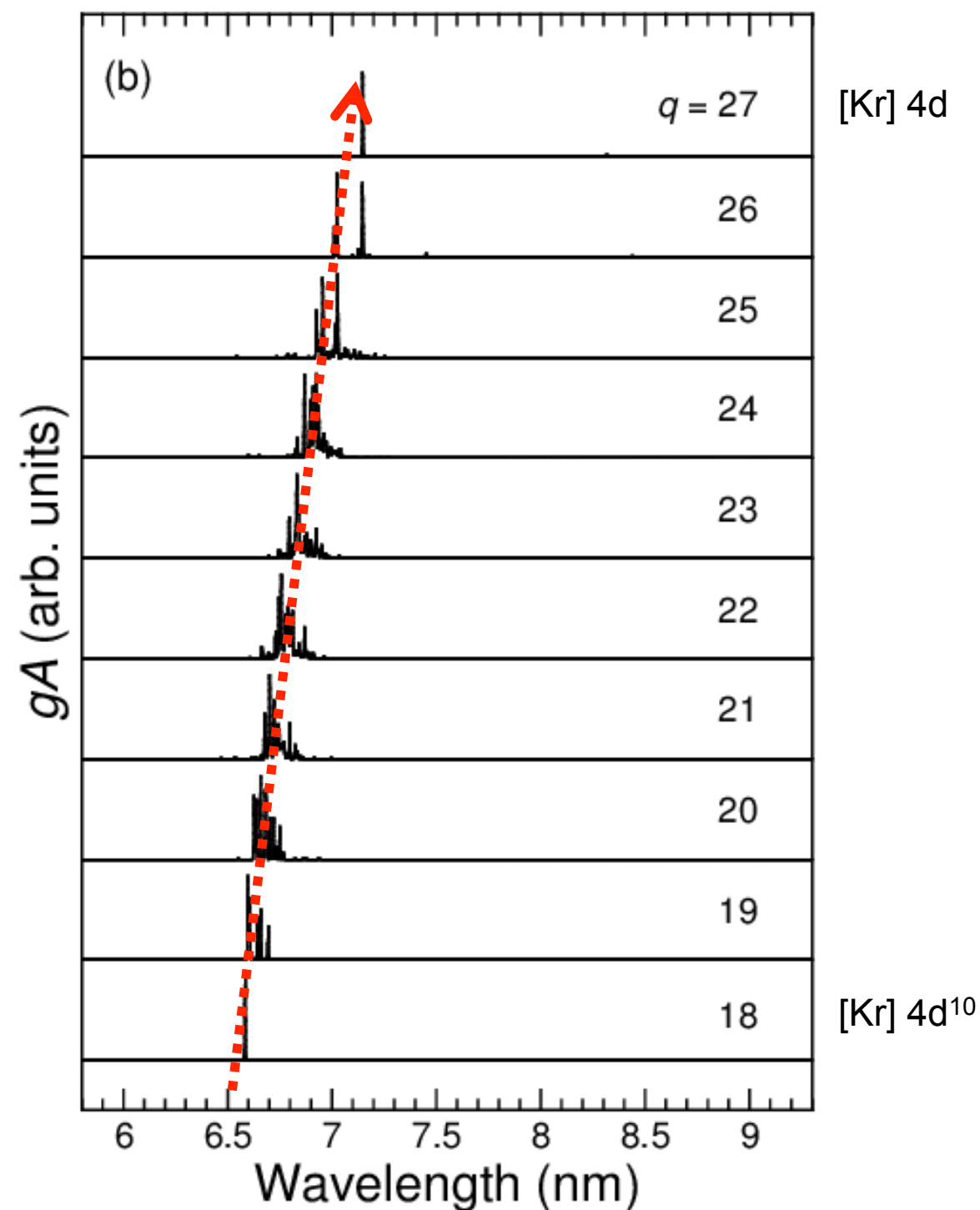
**Expt.**

Charge-defined emission spectra

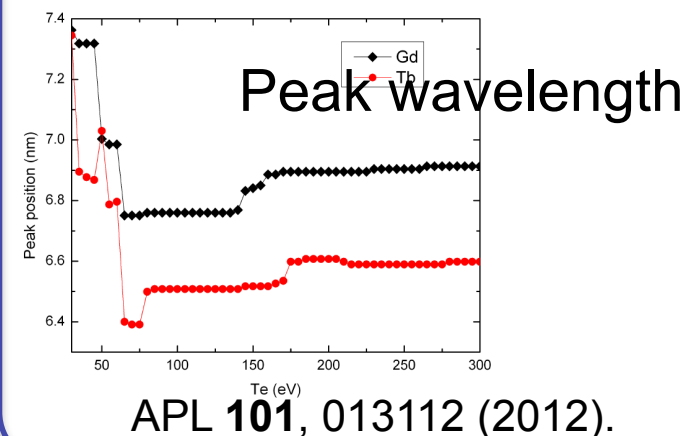
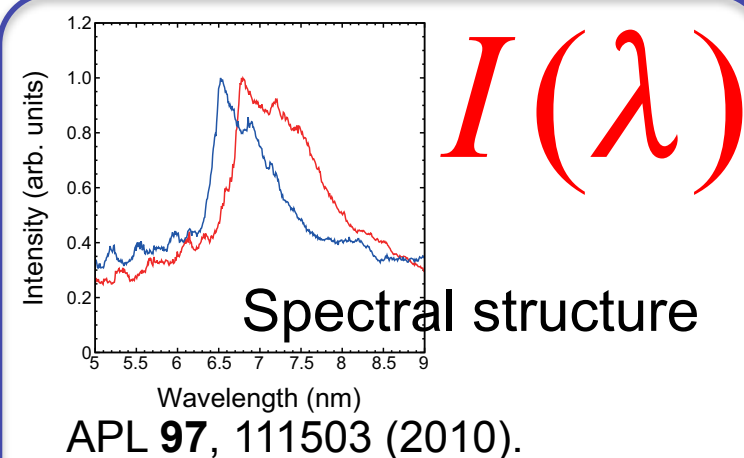
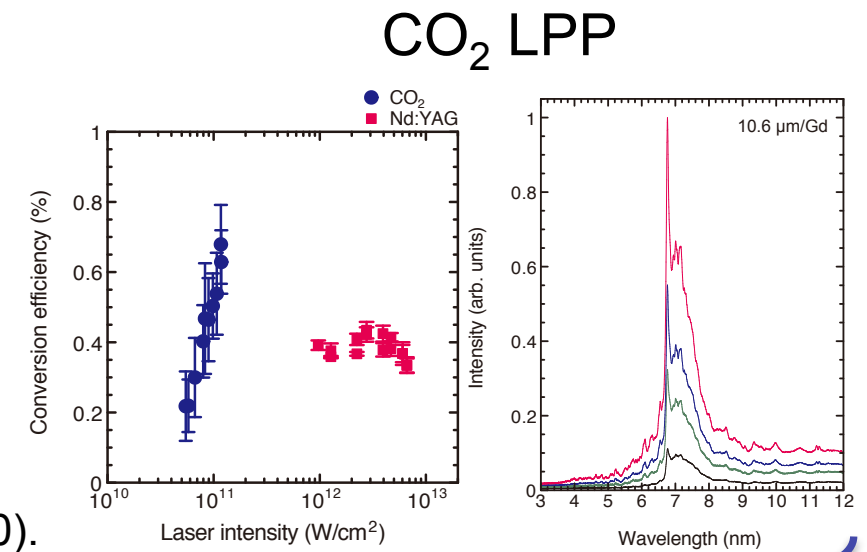
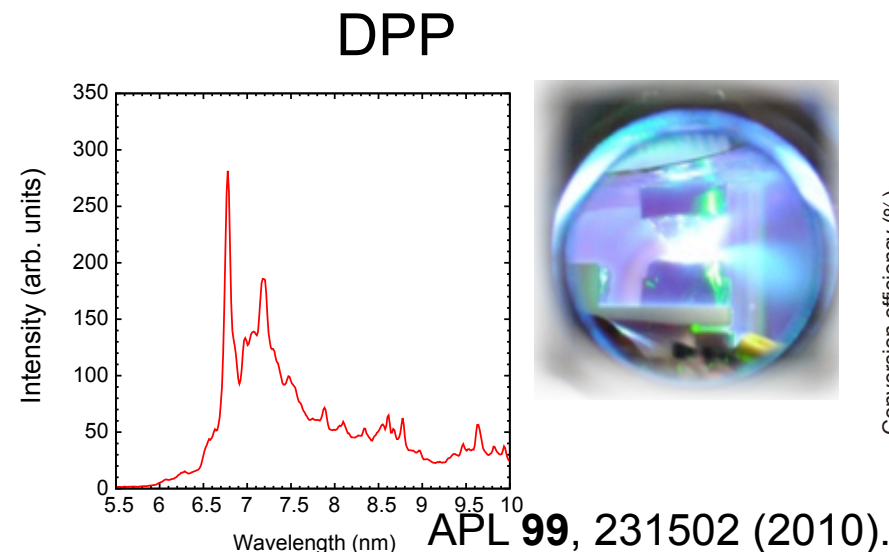
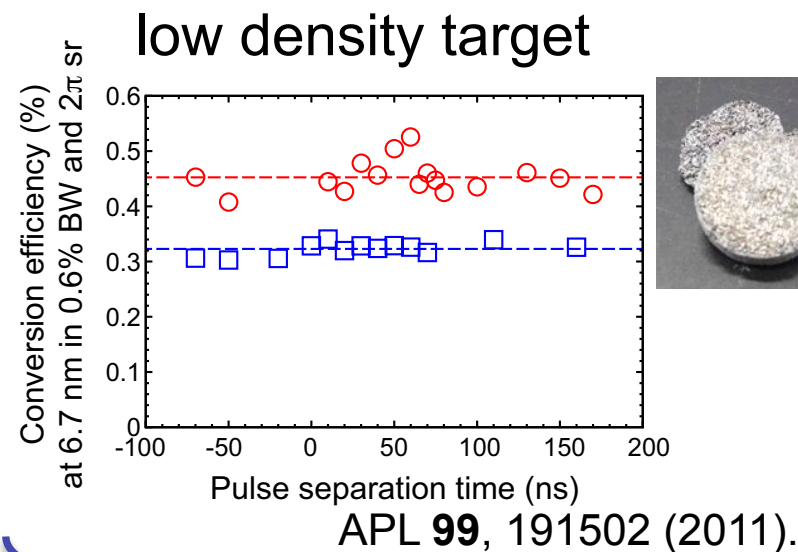


**Calc.**

with FAC for 4d-4f transitions

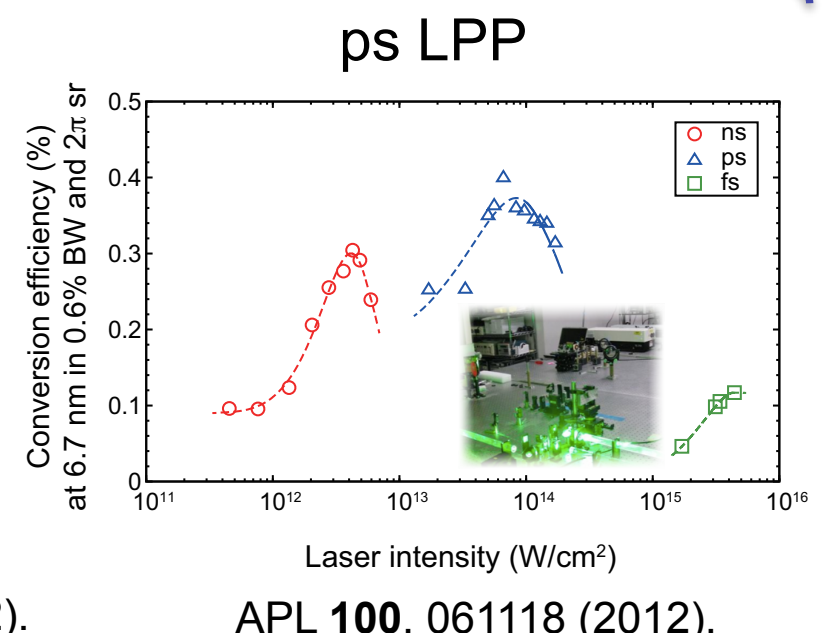
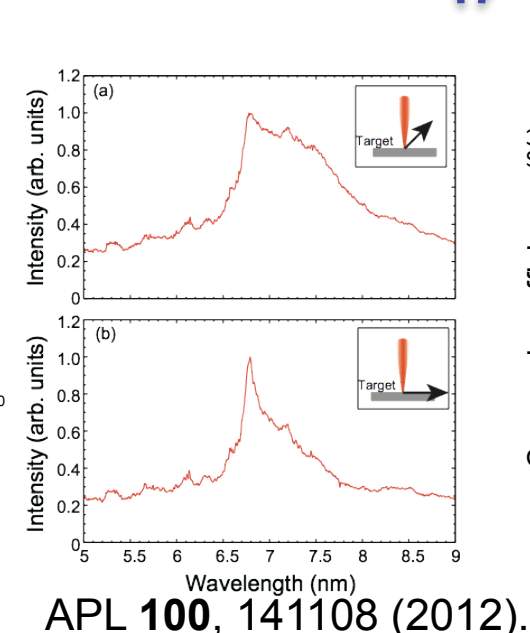
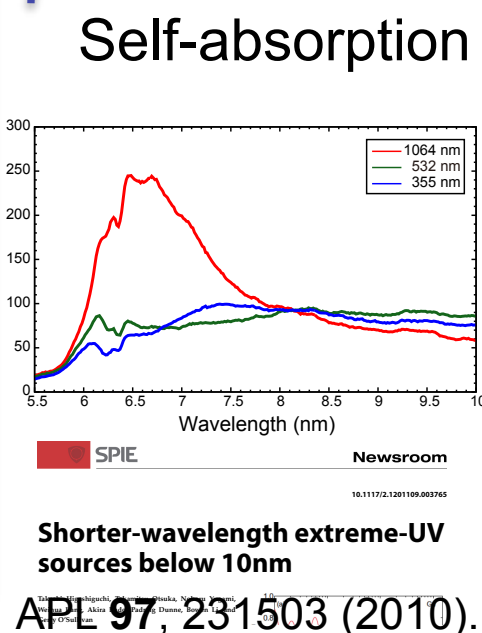


# Summary in 2 years: 6.x-nm Beyond EUV sources



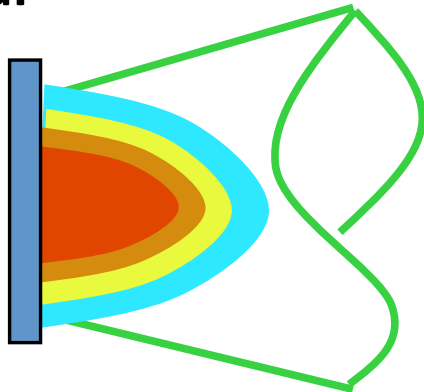
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$$\ell \approx c \tau_L$$

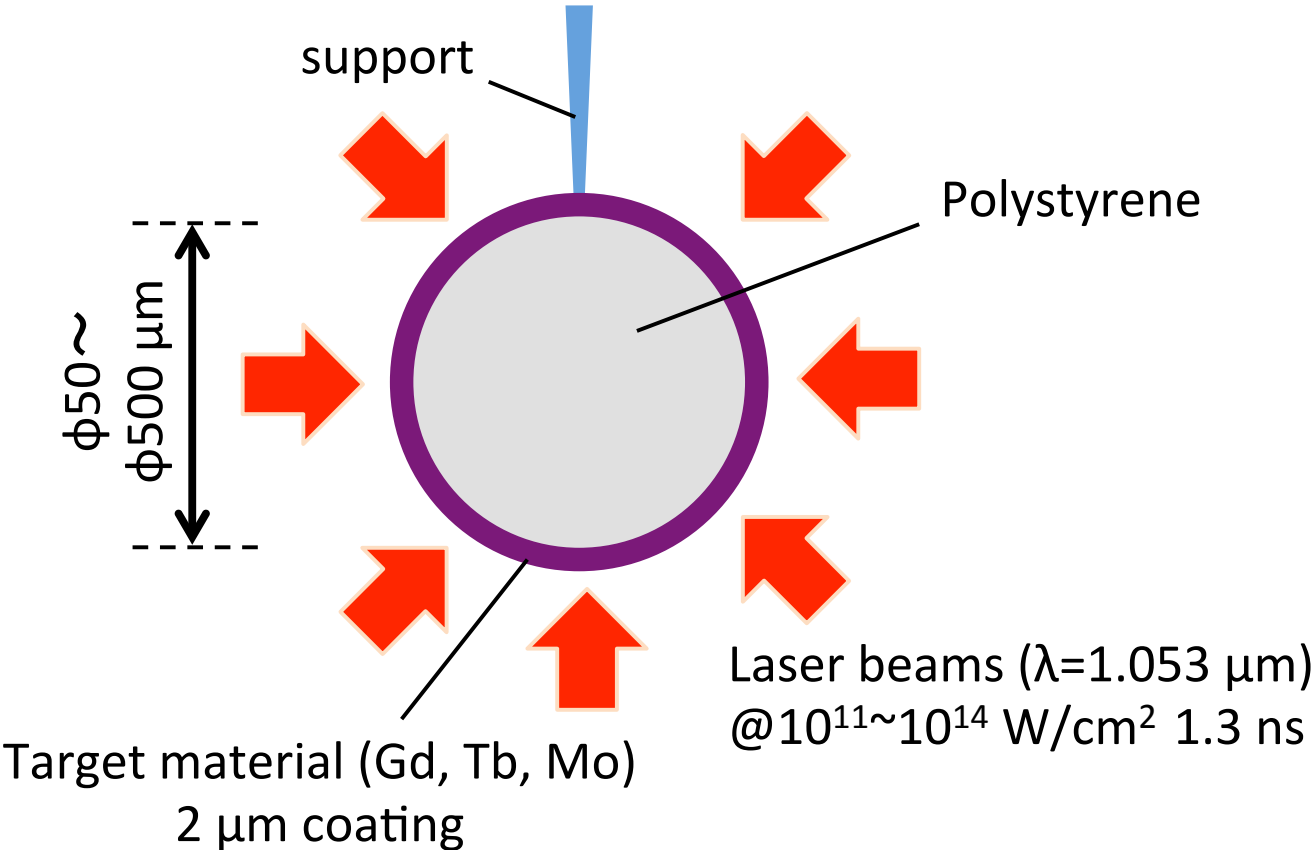
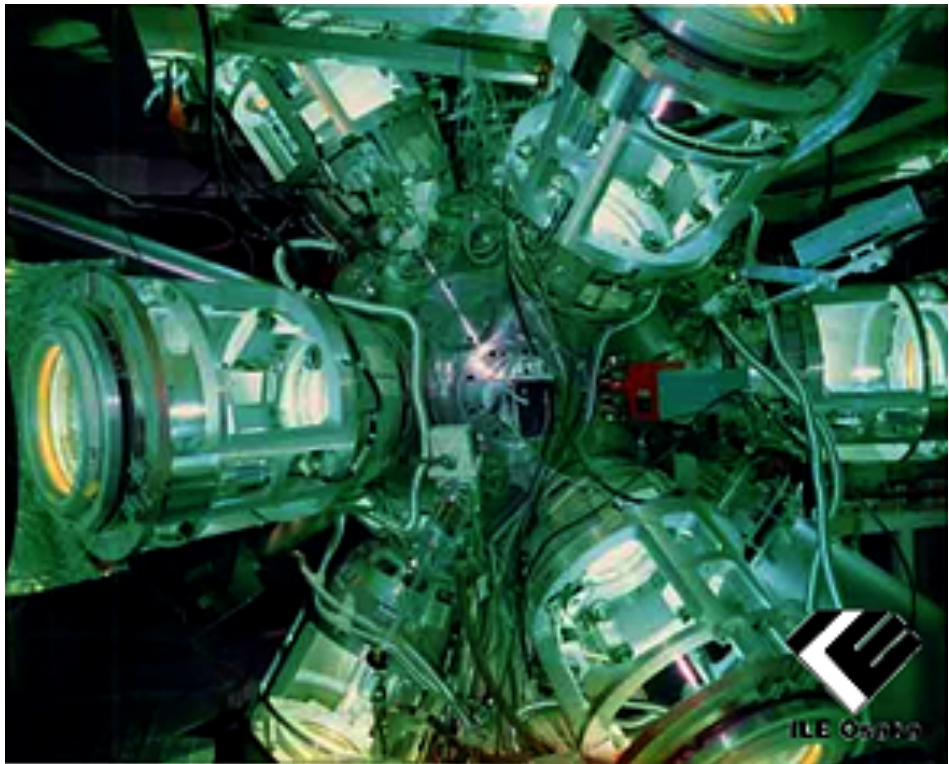
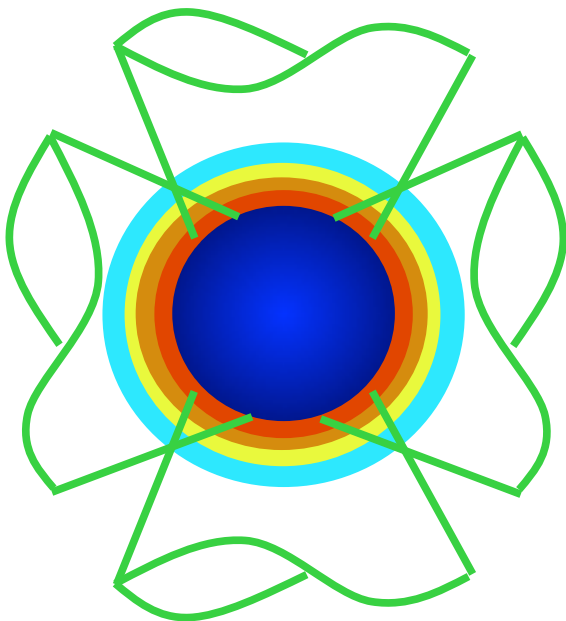


# Database experiment by GEKKO XII

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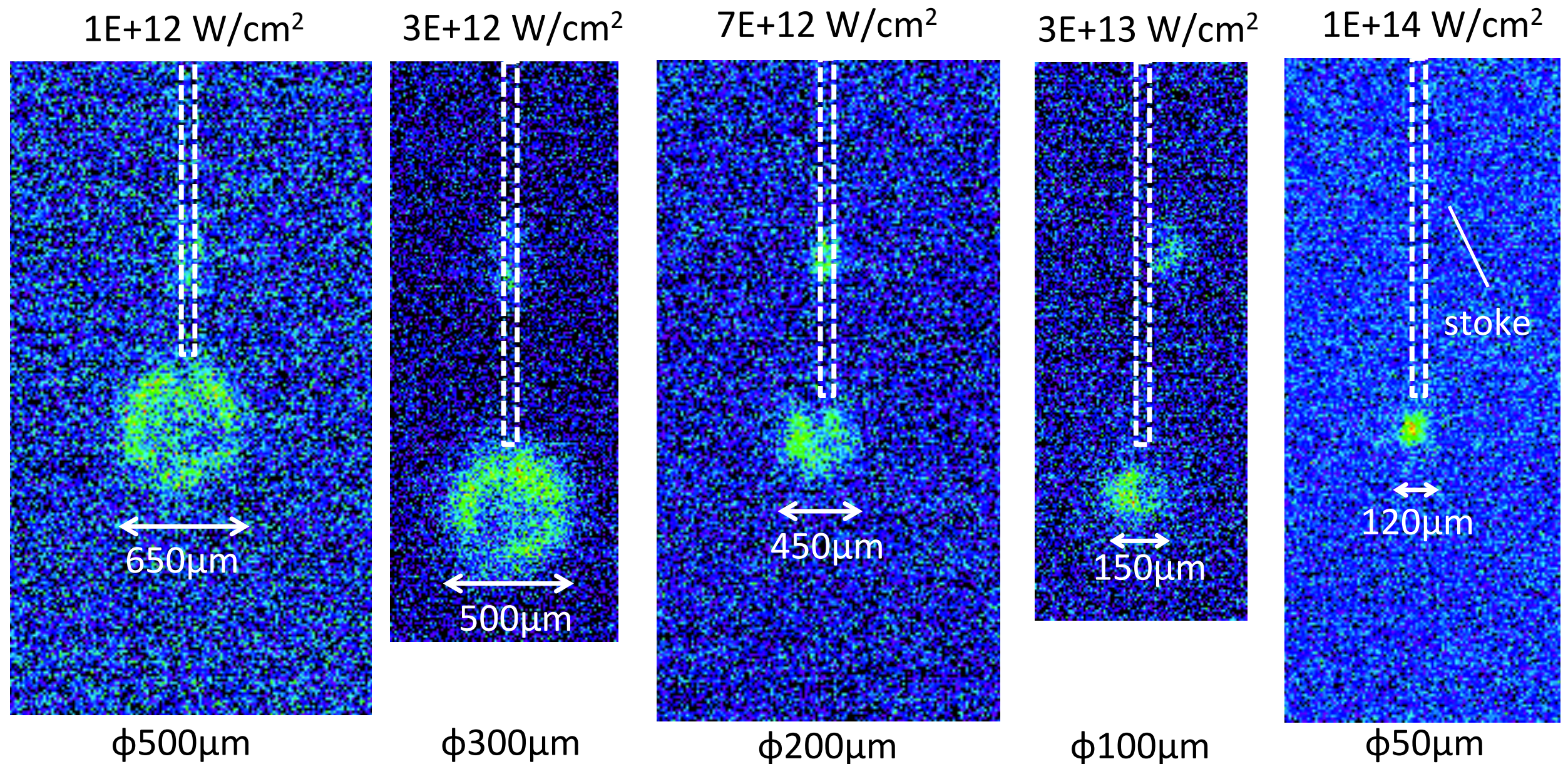


Spherical



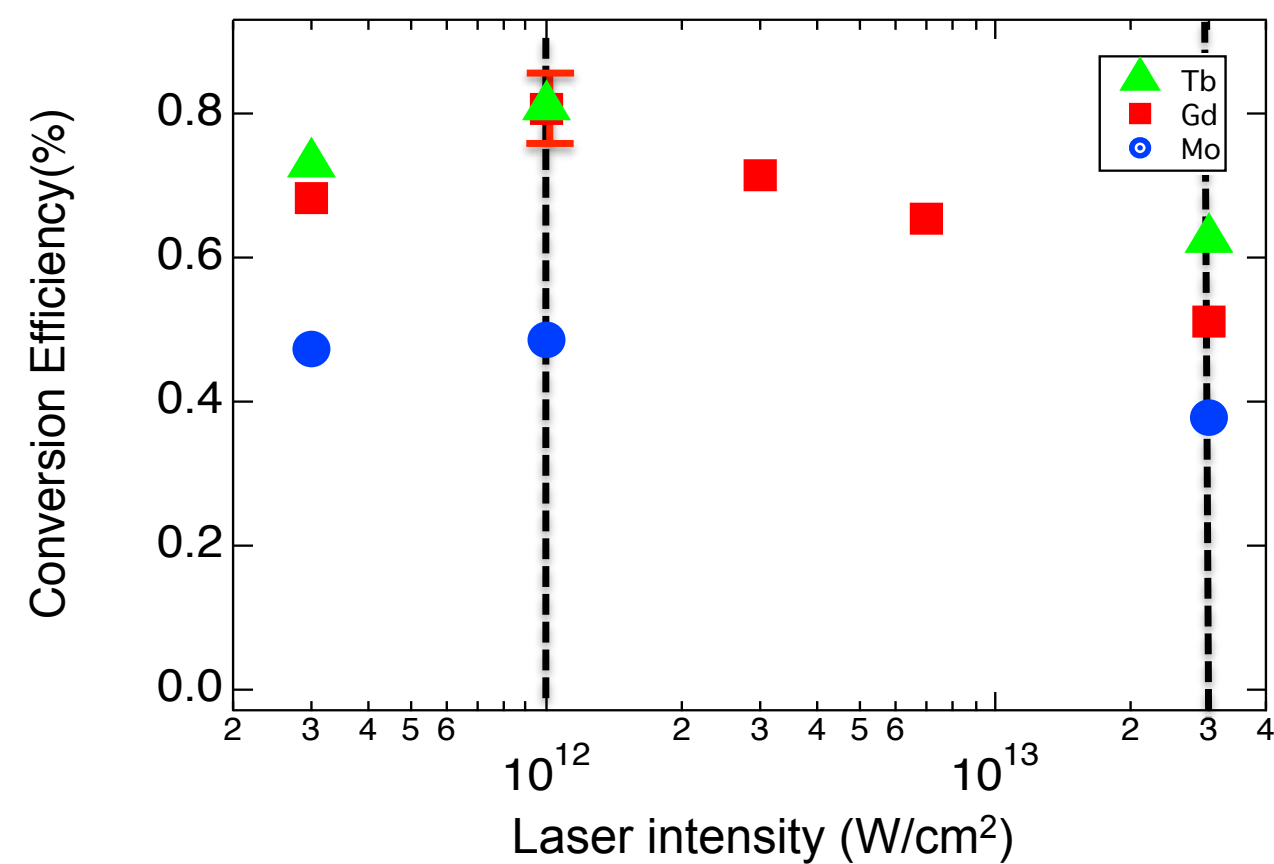
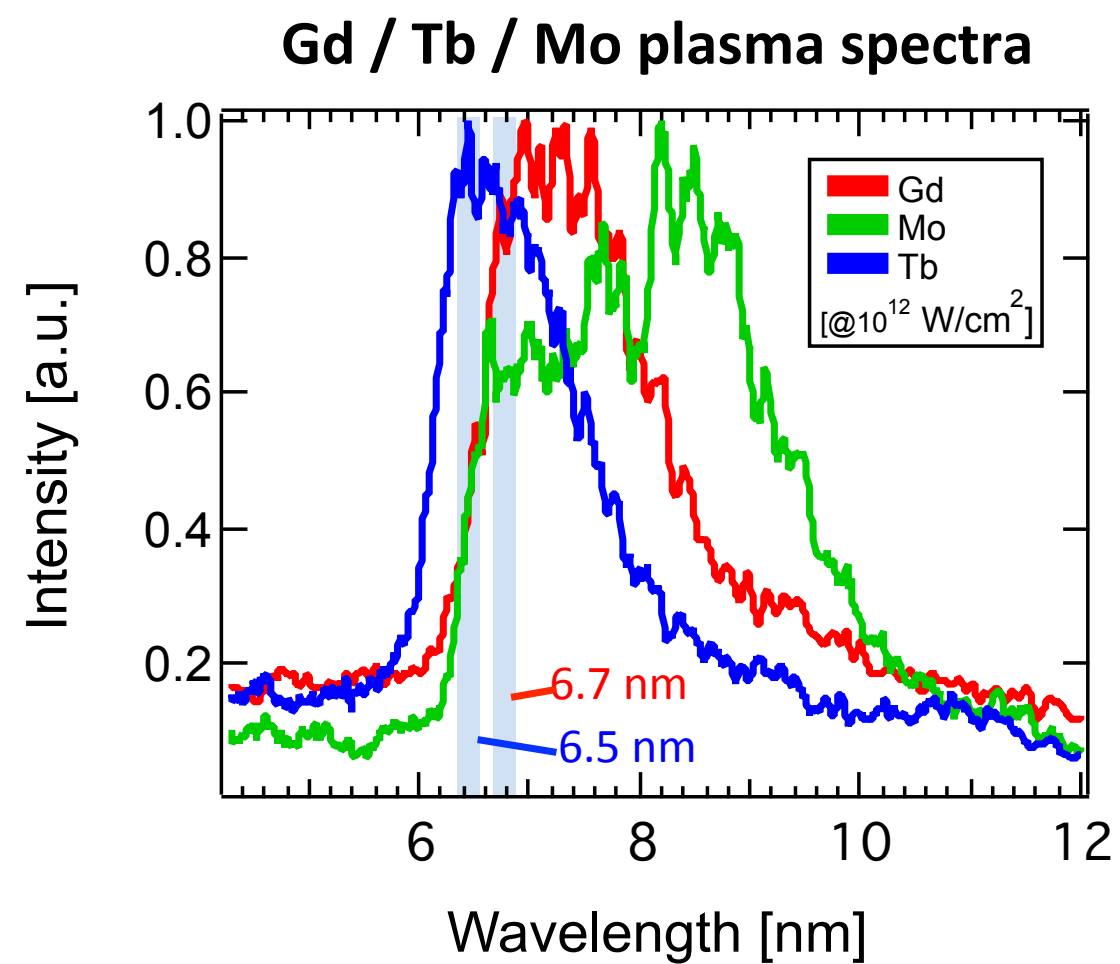


**EUV pinhole camera images at 6.7 nm with 0.6%BW from Gd plasmas**  
(magnification: x 5.7), Zr filter + La/B<sub>4</sub>C mirror

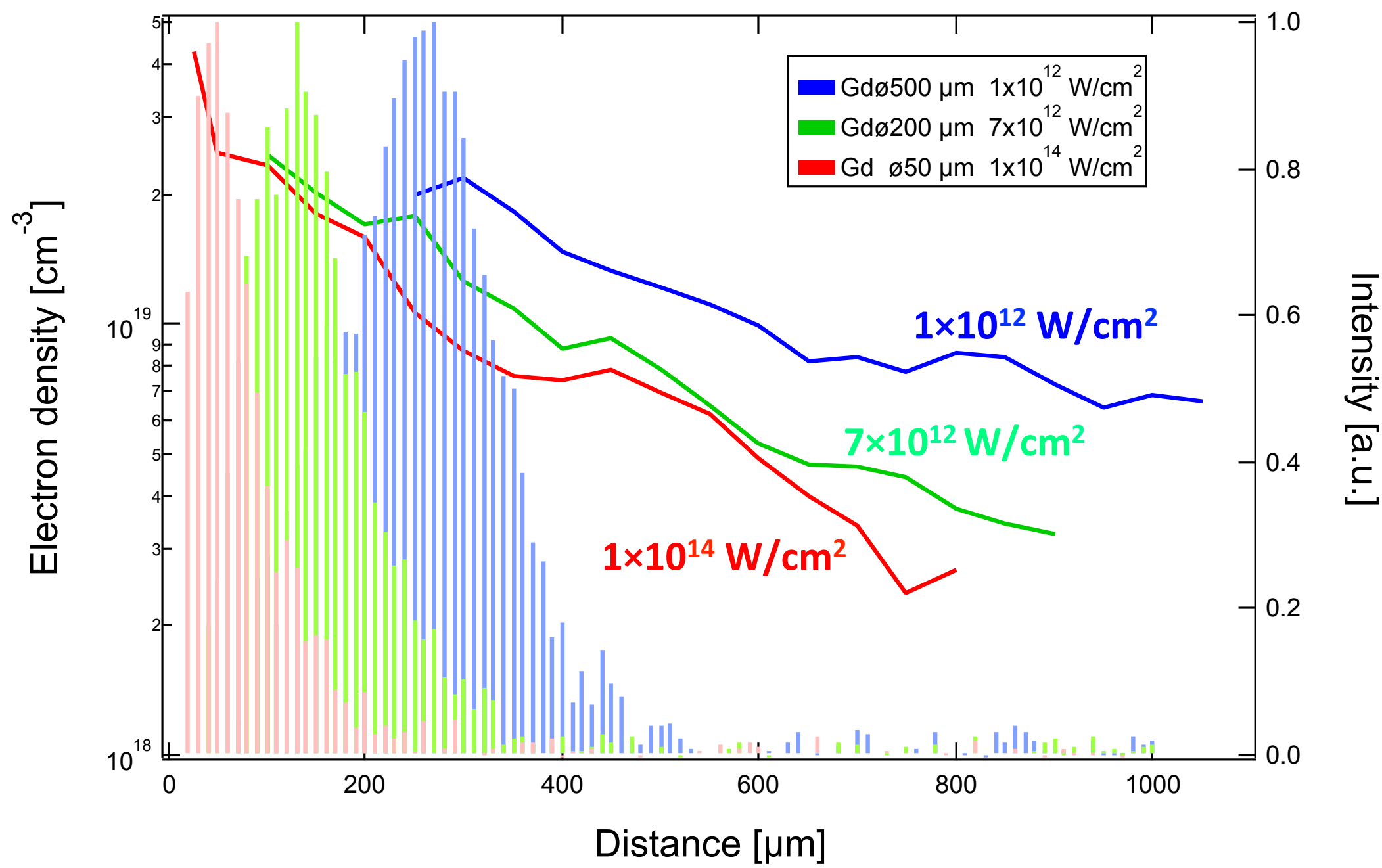




# Spectra & CEs in GEKKO XII exp



# Electron density profile



**Requirement** in high-Z plasma UTA **with high CE**

**Low density, high temperature plasma**

Optically thin plasmas for reducing self-absorption effects

*Suppression of satellite emission & higher spectral purity*

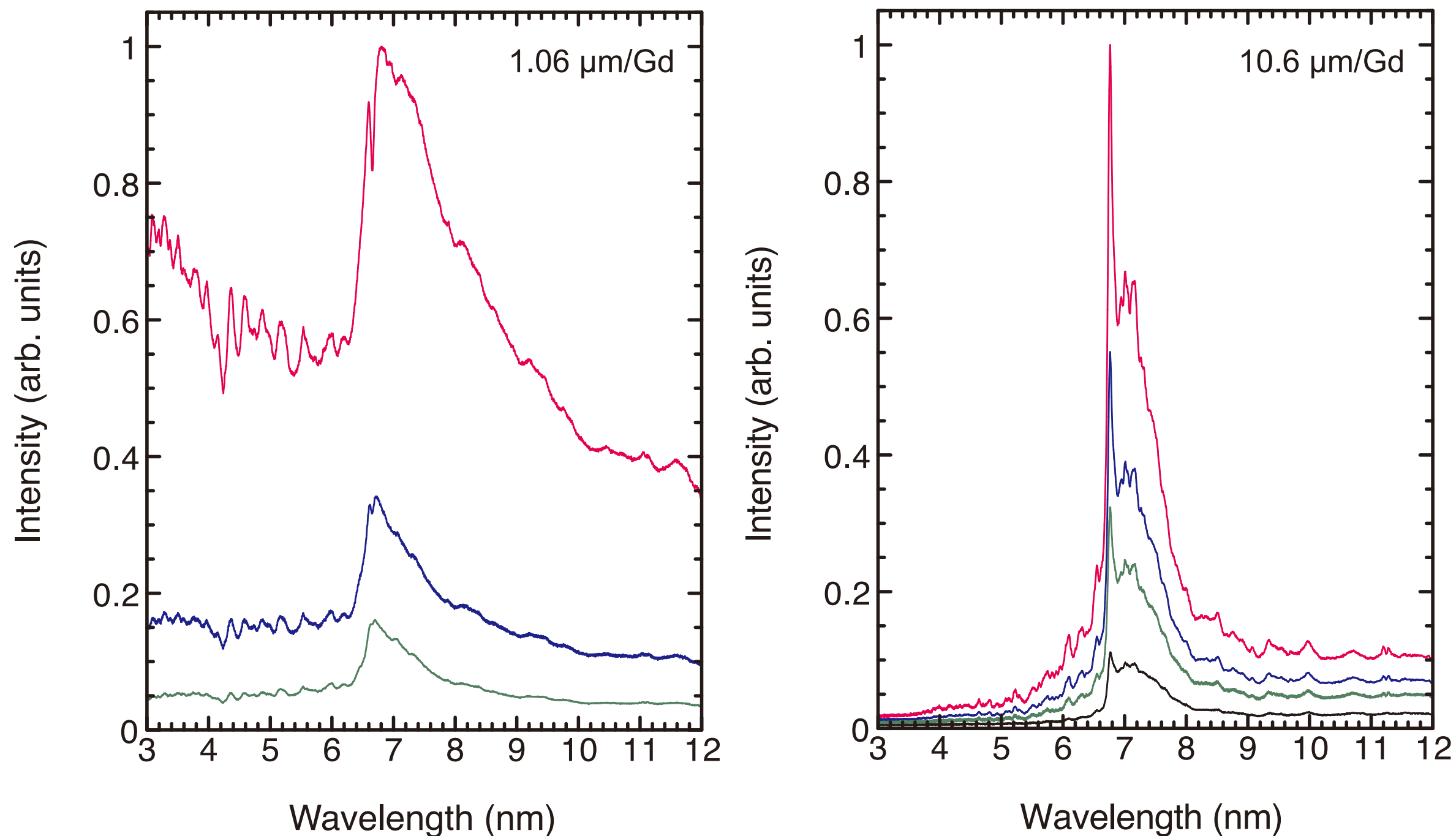
Long wavelength (low critical density): **CO<sub>2</sub> laser**@ $10^{19}$  /cc

Short laser pulse duration: ~1-2 ns@YAG laser (1064 nm)

Low density targets

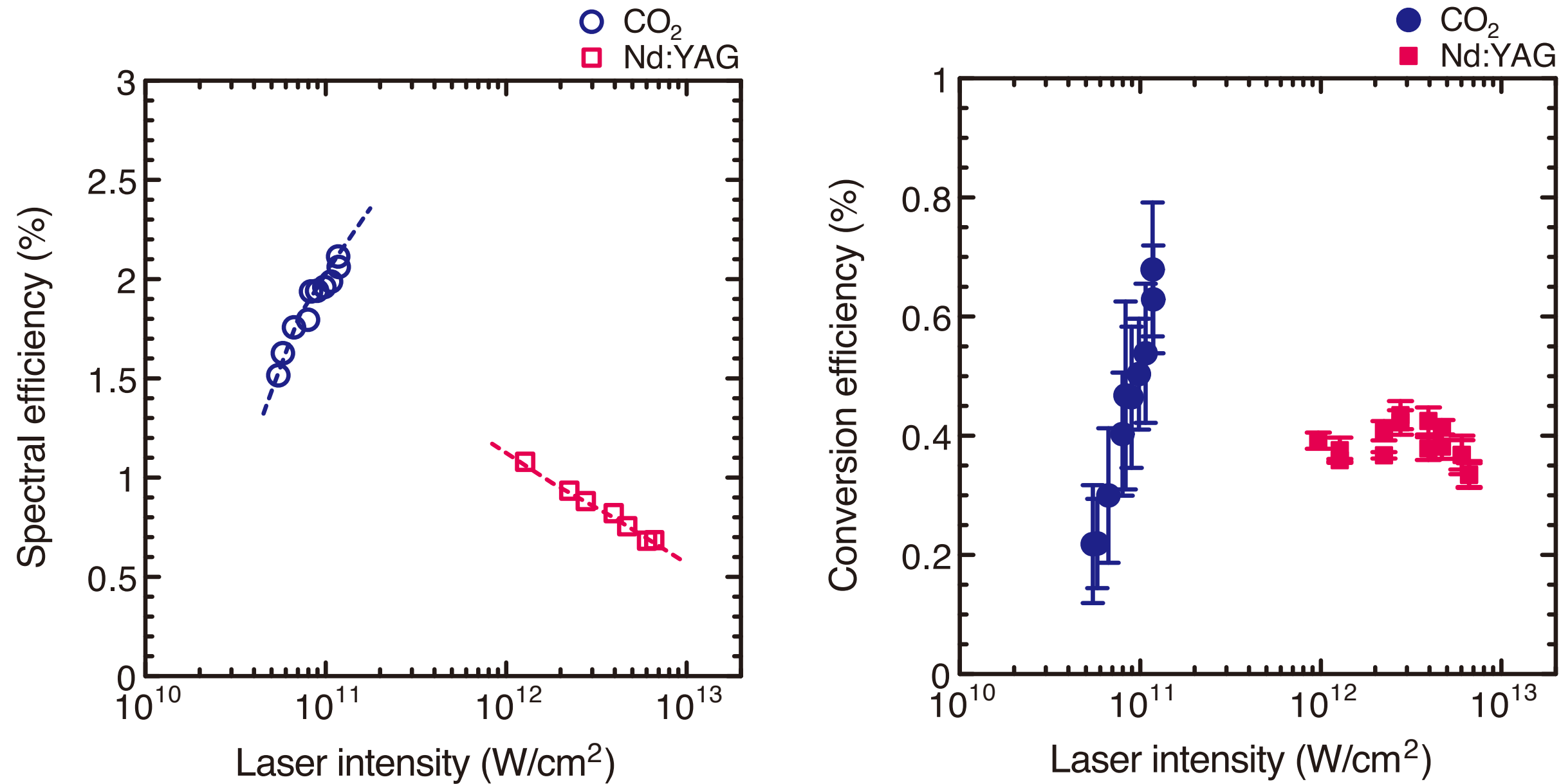
Discharge plasmas (low density plasmas)

# Nd:YAG & CO<sub>2</sub> laser-produced Gd plasmas



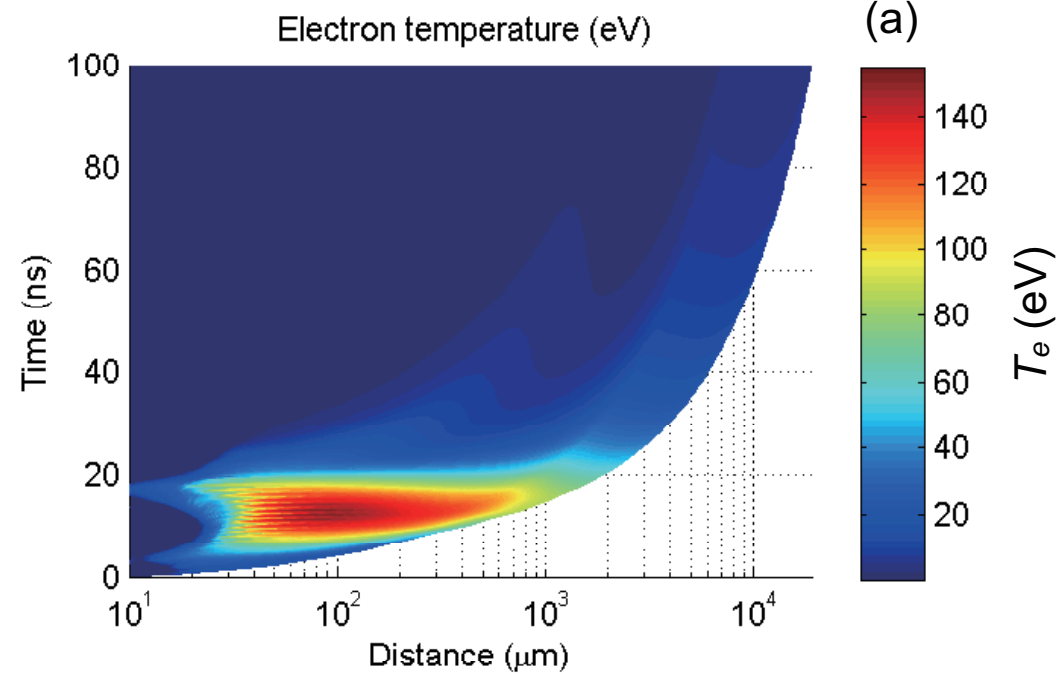


**Spectral purity:** efficiency in 0.6%BW at 6.x nm

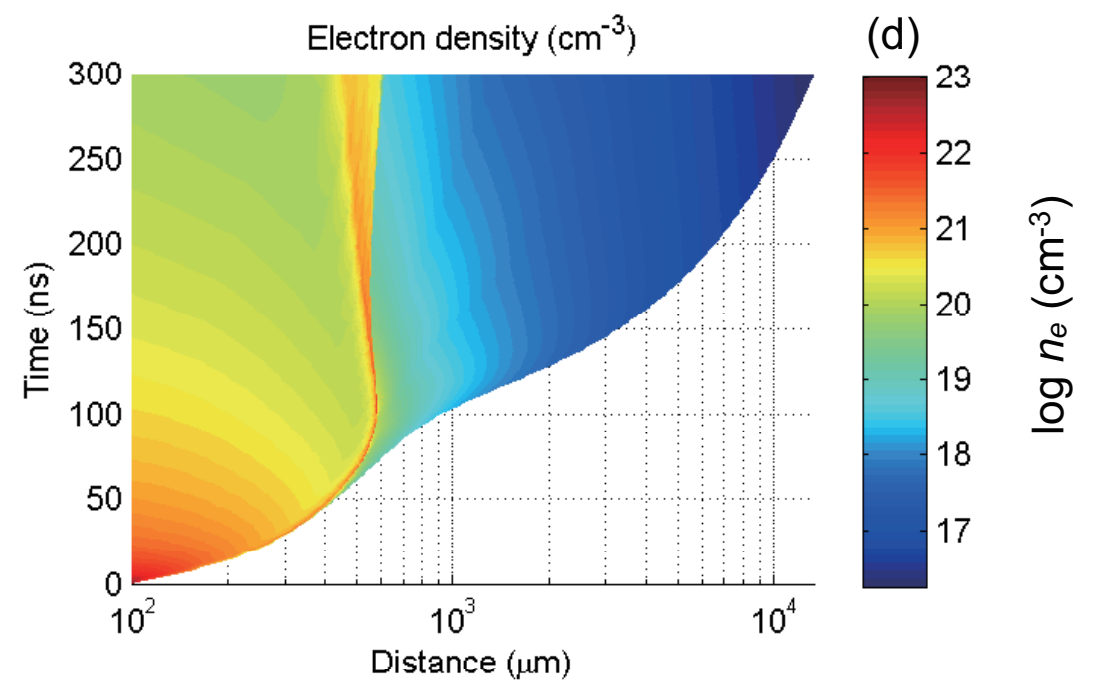
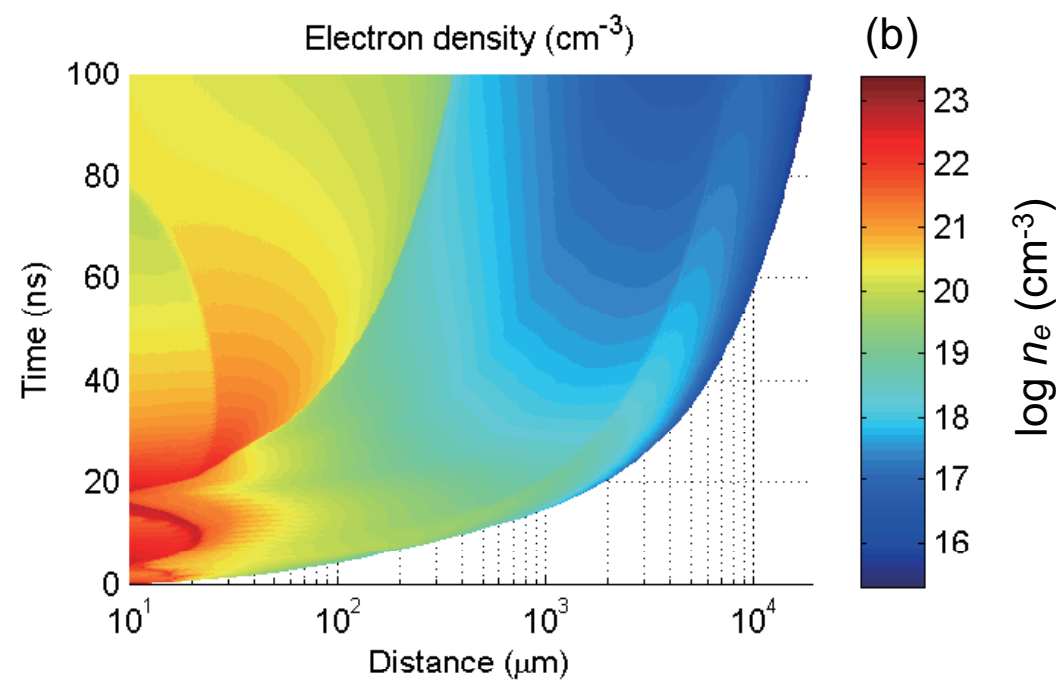
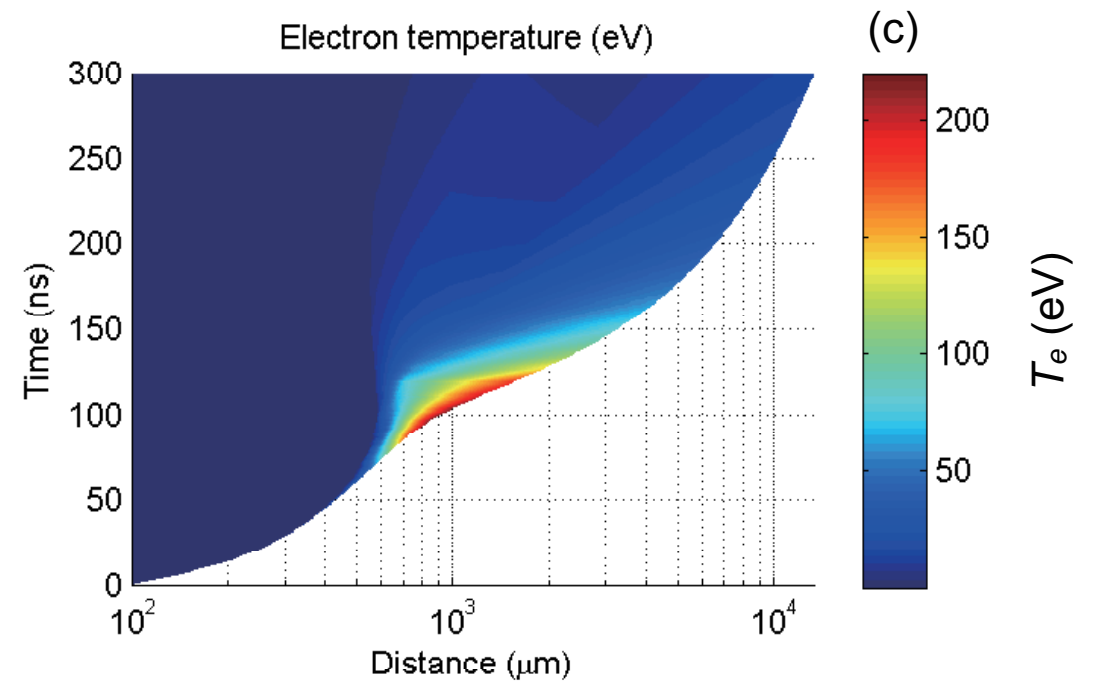


# Plasma parameters

Nd:YAG



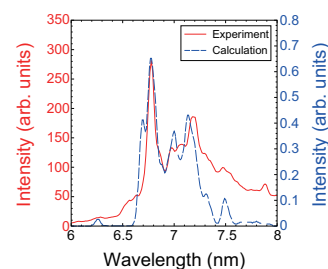
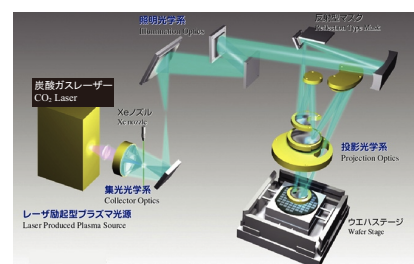
CO<sub>2</sub>



# Toward a single shot flash source in WW for Bio Photo **in LAB**

## Lithography

EUV & BEUV source study  
Wavelength: 13.5 & 6.x nm



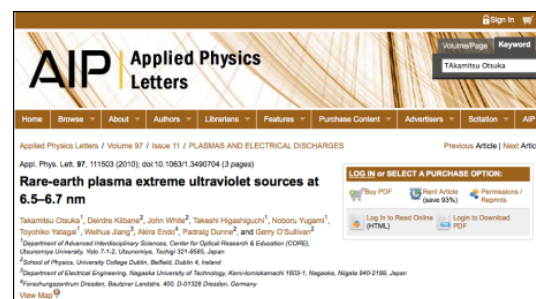
**CE ~ 5%**

Shorter wavelength



Shorter-wavelength extreme-UV sources below 10nm

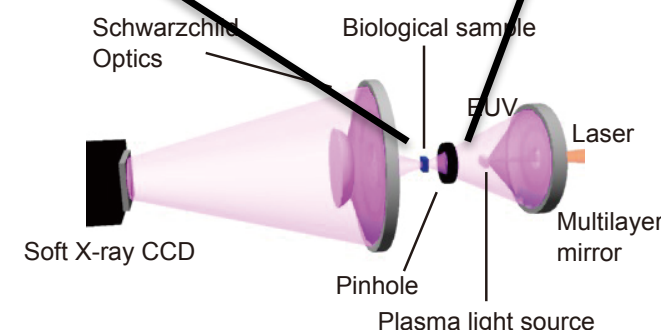
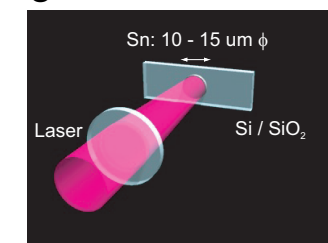
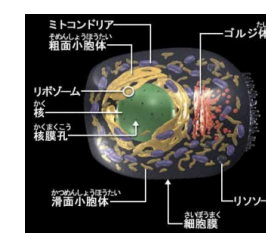
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## Life Innovation

Compact source development for Bio.  
Wavelength: 2-4 nm

In vivo cell observation Original micro source

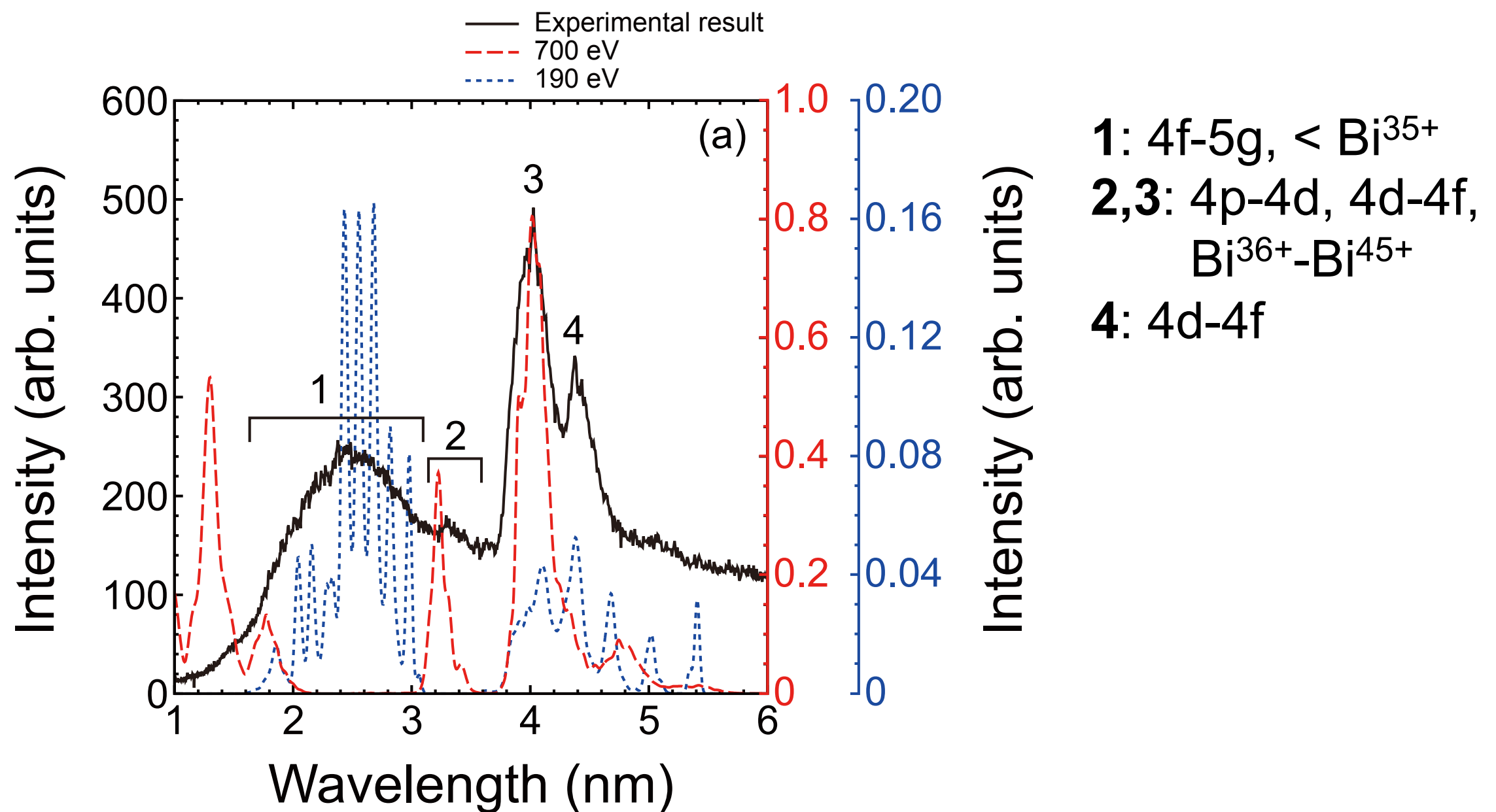


Single shot, flash biological imaging

WW 100-μJ at 100-mJ laser

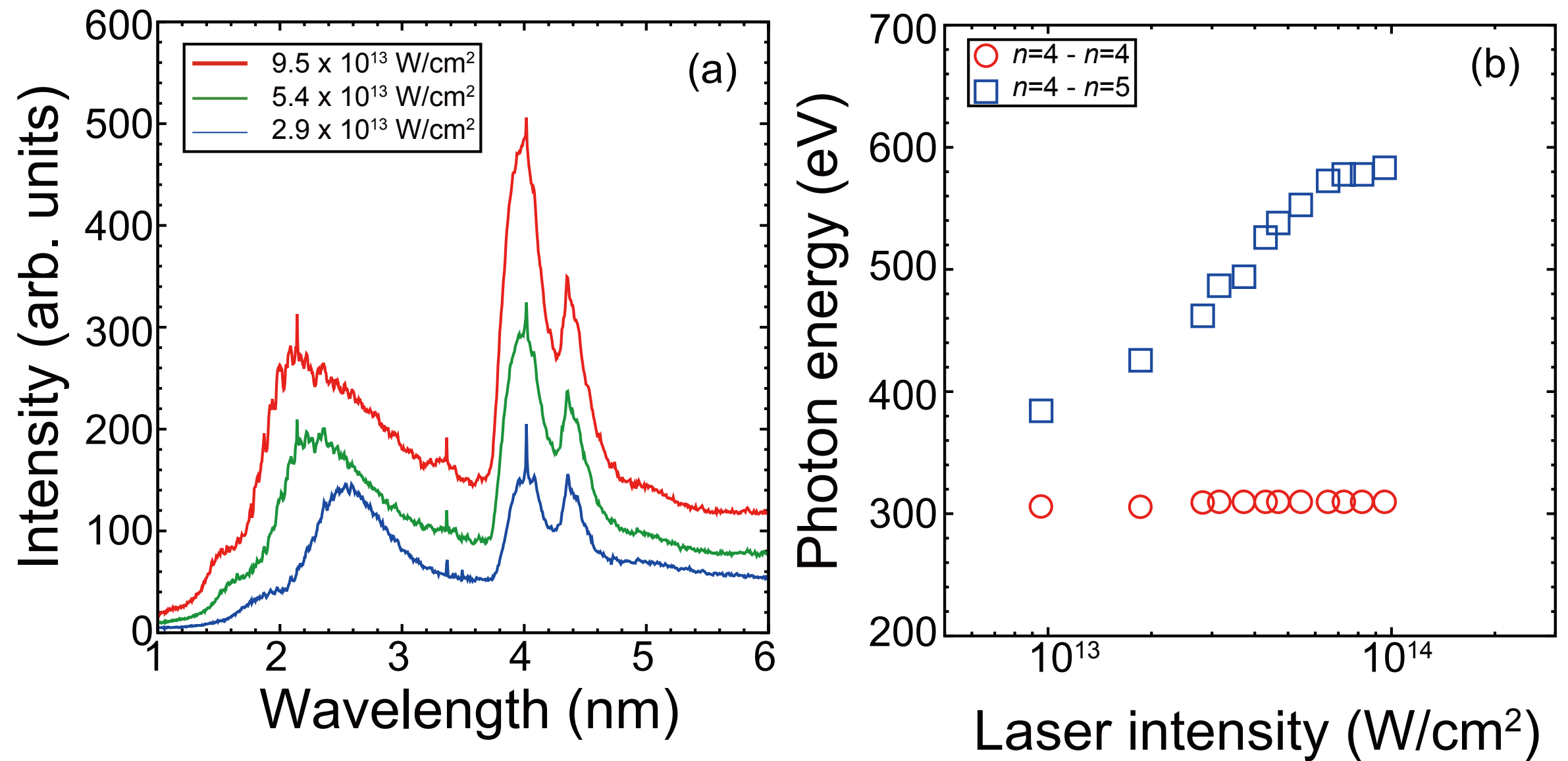
**CE ~ 0.1%, 100 μJ (?)**

## Low temperature result from Bi by 150-ps laser





# Laser intensity dependence in Bi emission



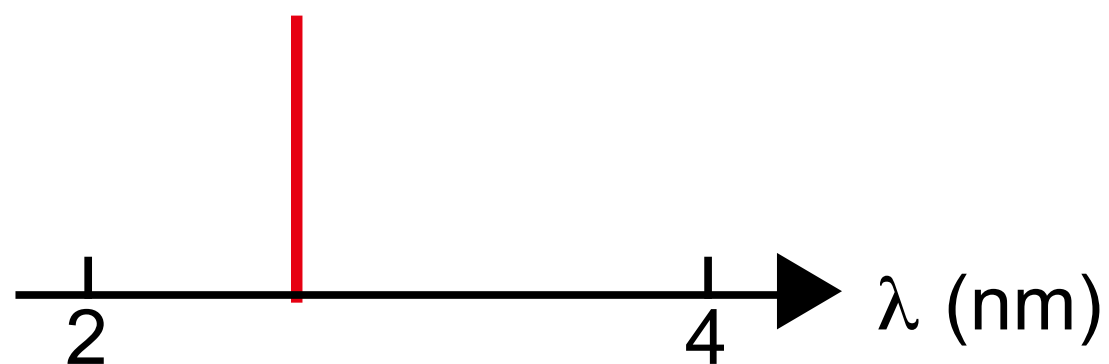
**Concept:** Unresolved transition array (**UTA**) many resonant lines

13.5 nm CE  $\sim$  5% by Sn

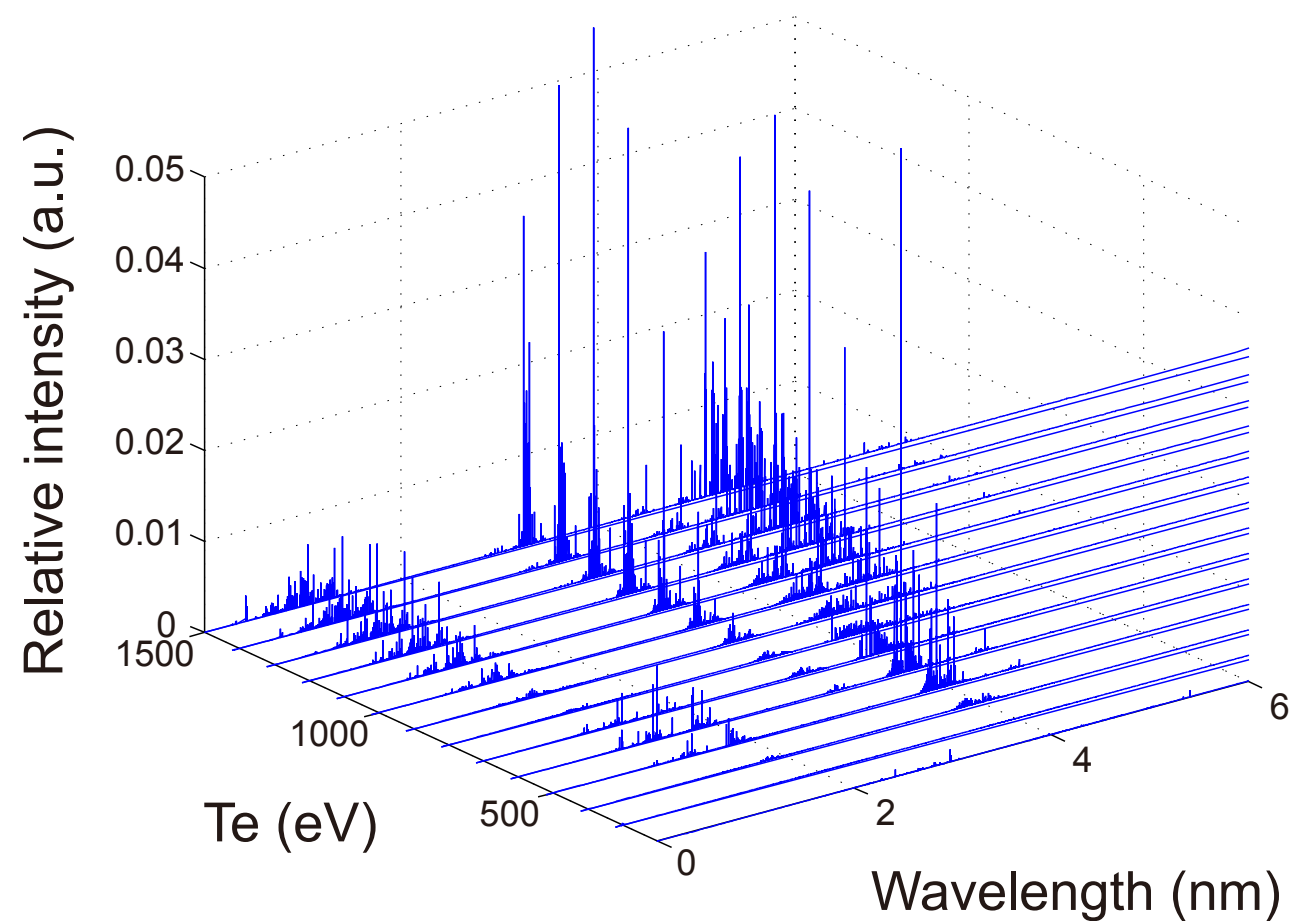
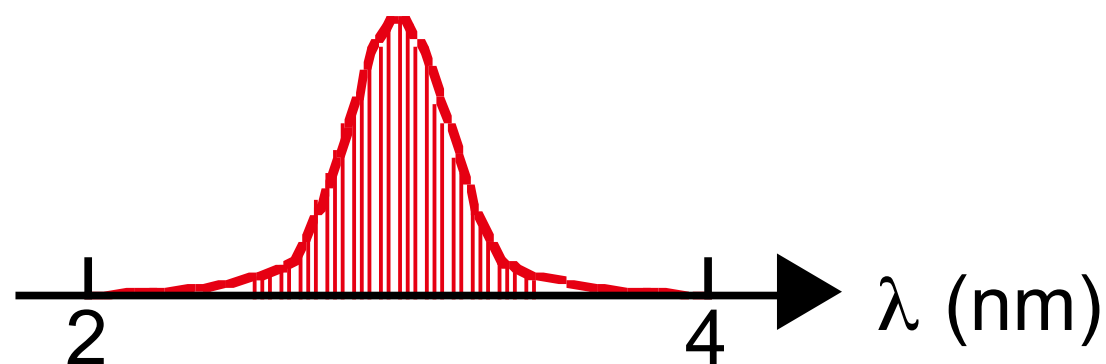
6.x nm CE  $\sim$  1% by Gd/Tb

(a) Line spectrum

**3 nm and/or 4 nm CE  $>$  0.1% by Bi**



(b) UTA



# Extreme Condition: keV Bi plasma spectra

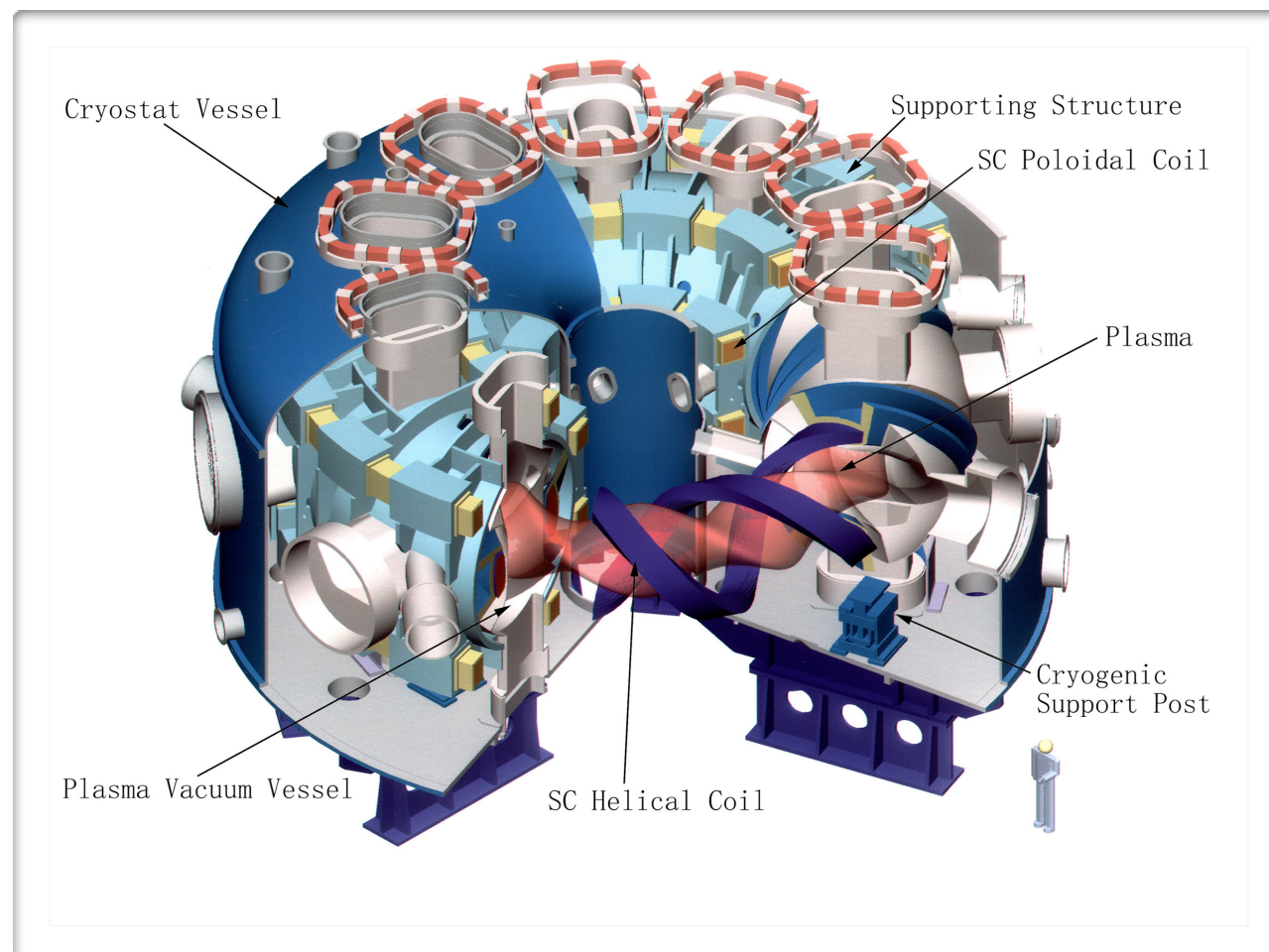
**Low density, high temperature 1-keV plasma**

optical thin, low density

**Oct.17 : 30 shots**

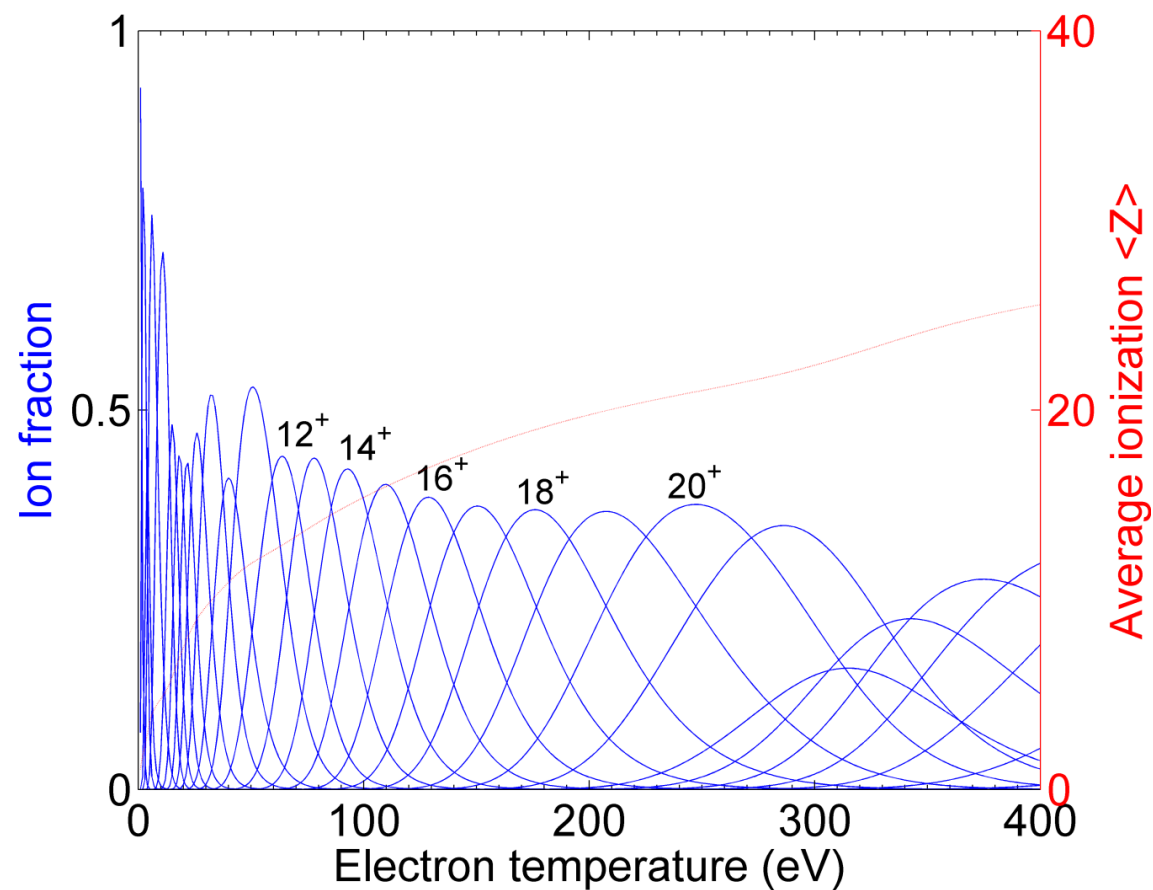
optical thick, high density

**May 27 - May 31 : 49 shots**

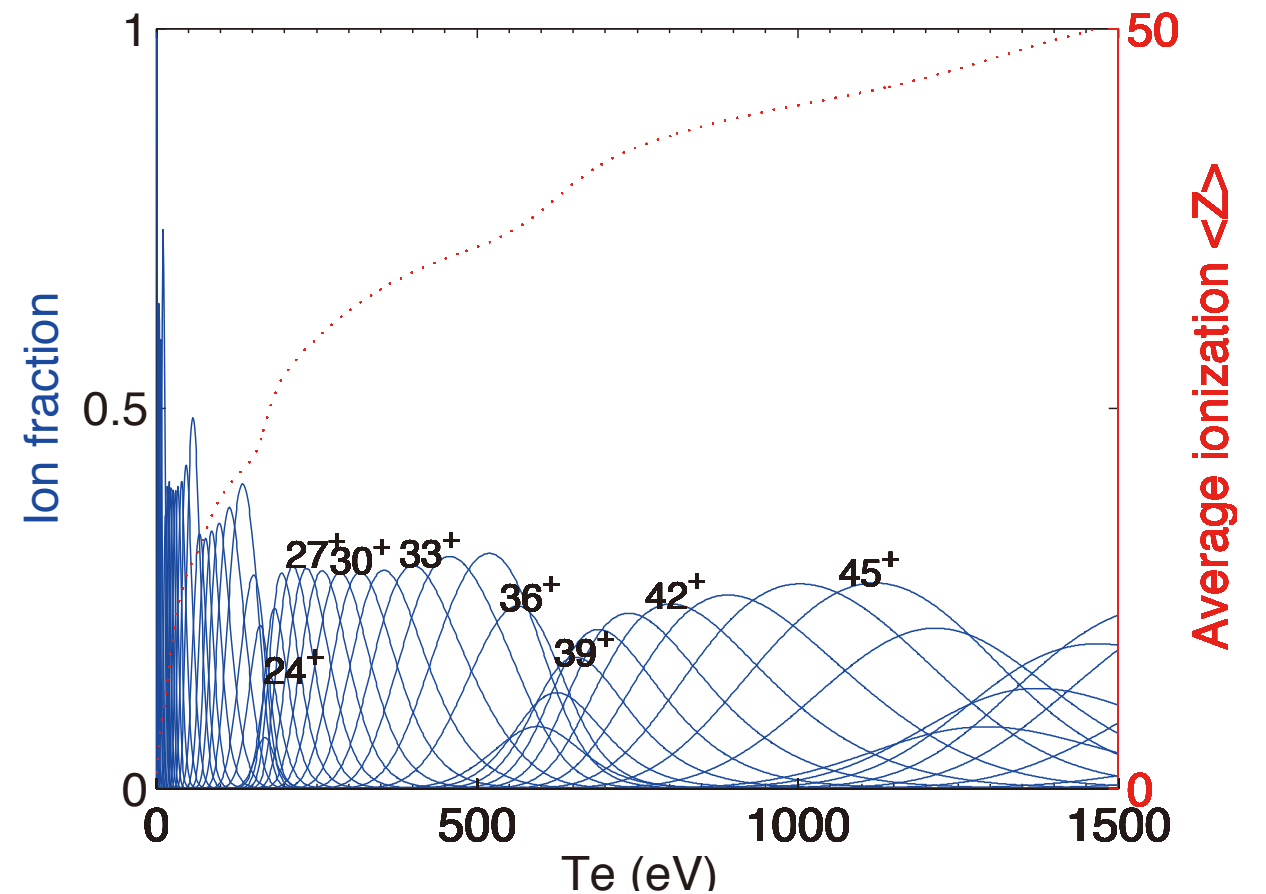


Lower temperature  $\sim \mathbf{0.2}$  keV vs 1 keV

**Zr**



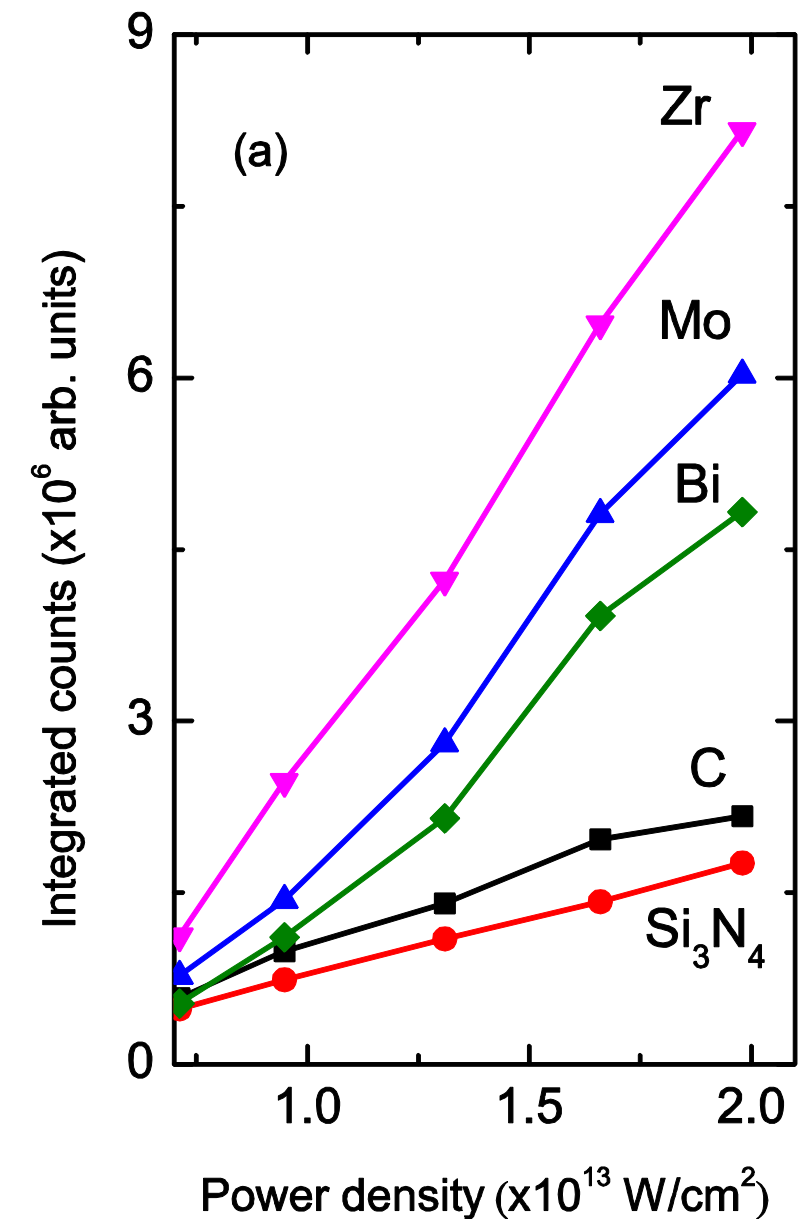
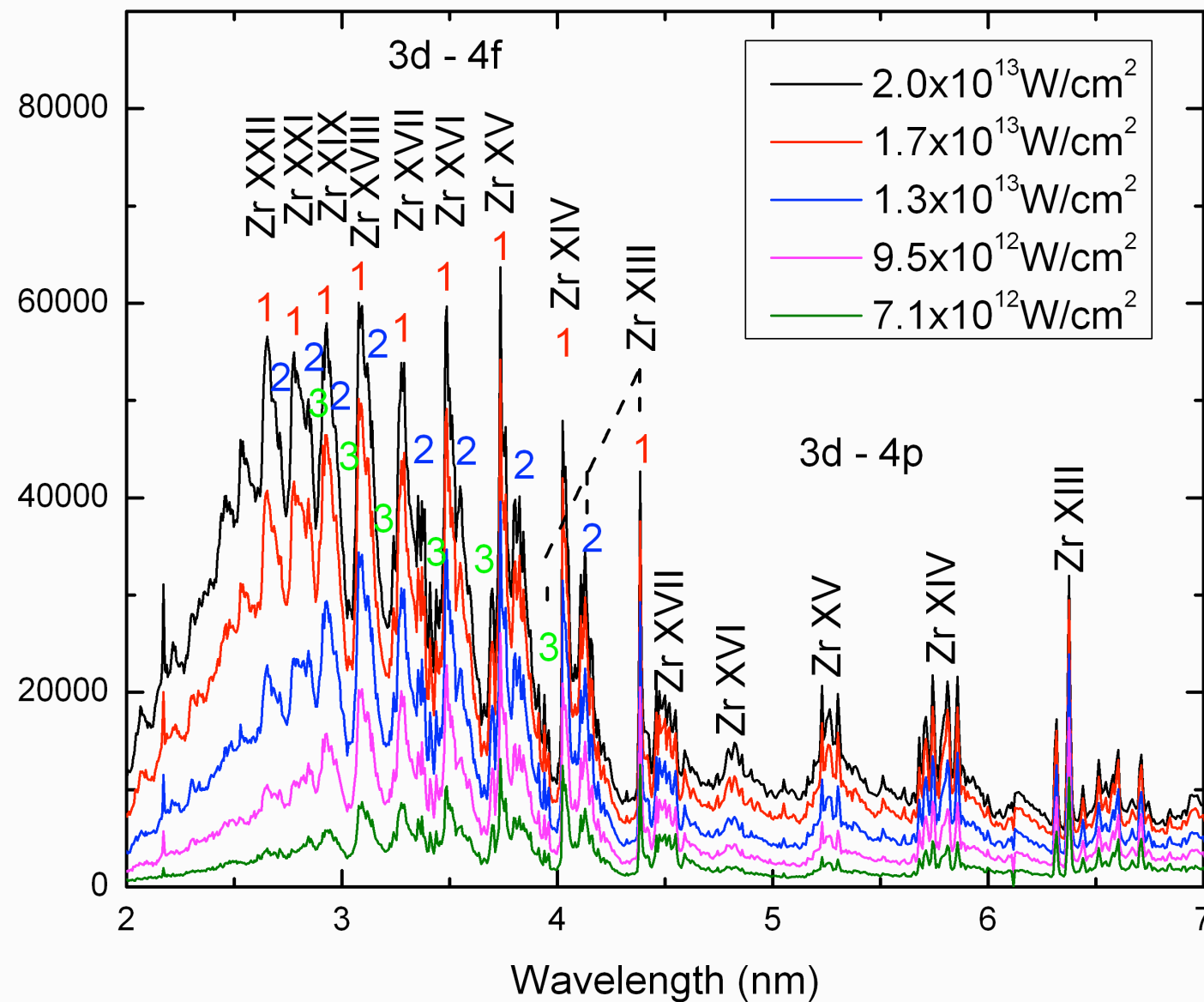
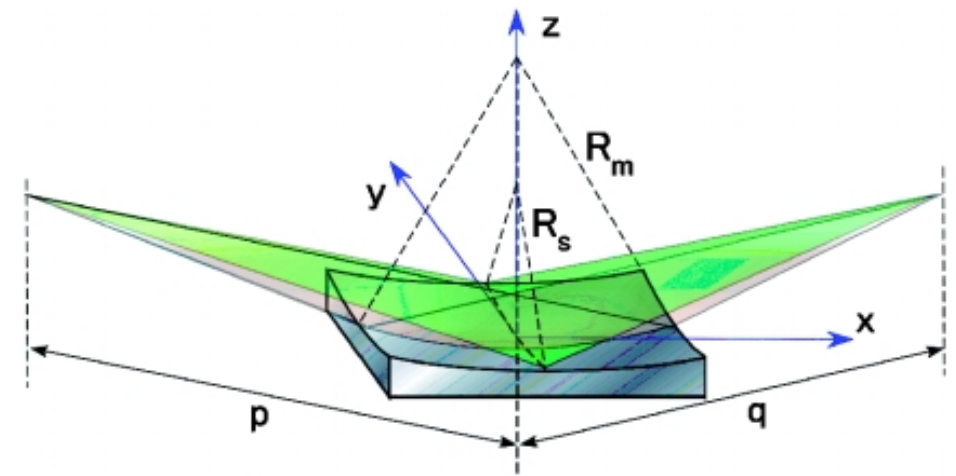
**Bi**



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# Zr plasma WW source for 1-μm laser



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